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Recession deepening despite sharp fall in inflation rate

Inflation is continuing to come down sharply, but the recession in British industry is getting worse. The inflation rate was 13 per cent in January, 2.1 percentage points down on the previous month, but manufacturing production has plunged 15 per cent in a year, one of the largest falls this century. Gas prices are expected to rise by about 15 per cent from April, and another 10 per cent in October.

Prices show annual rise of 13pc

By Melvyn Westlake

Price inflation has again tumbled, providing the only bright spot for the Government in an otherwise bleak economic landscape.

Prices rose by 13 per cent during the 12 months to the end of January, according to official figures published yesterday, compared to a year-on-year increase of 15.1 per cent in December. This is the eighth consecutive monthly drop in the inflation rate.

Inflation has now fallen to its lowest level since June 1979 when Sir Geoffrey Howe added between three and four percentage points to the retail price index by raising VAT from 8 per cent to 15 per cent on a range of goods. This was part of the Government's strategy to shift from direct to indirect taxation.

The underlying inflation rate, measured by the annualized change in prices over the last six months (excluding seasonal food) has also shown a further decline. On this measure, the rate of price increases was down to 7.5 per cent, compared with 8 per cent in December, and a peak of more than 22 per cent last May.

The rise in the retail price index last month was 0.6 per cent, broadly the same as in other recent months. One favourable influence was the fall in the mortgage interest rate from 15 per cent to 14 per cent.

This alone knocked about ½ percentage point off the index, although some home owners will not have seen their mortgage interest rates cut until this month.

The reduction of mortgage costs helped to offset price increases on other items, such as milk, some types of food, beer and coal.

The pace at which inflation has fallen seems to have surprised even Treasury ministers. As recently as November, the Treasury predicted that prices would rise by about 11 per cent between the fourth quarter of 1980 and the fourth quarter of 1981.

But if inflation continues to slow down in coming months as quickly as it has since the autumn, it could be as low as 11 per cent by the late spring and into single figures long before the end of the year.

To some extent, this will depend on what measures the Chancellor announces in his Budget on March 10. If specific duties on alcohol, tobacco and petrol are raised in line with inflation during the previous 12 months, this would itself add 1½ percentage points to the retail price index. It would involve 1½p on a pint of beer, 55p on spirits, 6½p on 20 cigarettes and 7p on a gallon of petrol.

The danger in the longer term, however, is that the sterling exchange rate could start to weaken significantly, pushing up the cost of imported goods. The strength of the pound on the international money markets has been an important factor in holding back price increases, but some economists believe that the pound could fall later this year.

Another factor helping to brake price increases has been fierce competition in Britain's high streets. The prices of consumer goods has probably risen on average by less than 10 per cent in the past year, although the effect of this has been offset by price rises for the products of nationalized industries.

Their prices were 27 per cent up in the 12 months to January, compared with a year-on-year increase in December of 30 per cent.

Overall, inflation in Britain is only slightly above the average of other industrial countries which stands at about 12 per cent.

If the rate of United Kingdom price rises could be brought well down into single figures by the end of 1981, and particularly if it was below the average for other industrial countries, it would be possible for the Chancellor to take action to stimulate the economy in his 1982 Budget.

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Manufacturing slump one of the worst this century

By Frances Williams

A sharp fall in manufacturing output during December brought the drop in production in 1980 to 15 per cent, one of the worst slumps experienced by British manufacturing industry this century.

According to provisional Government figures published yesterday, production in the manufacturing sector fell by 1.2 per cent in December.

Total industrial output, including mining, construction and the utilities, fell less than manufacturing alone in December, by 0.6 per cent, but it was down nearly 12 per cent on a year earlier.

The volume of goods produced last year was back to levels not seen since 1968.

The continuing slide in production has serious implications for employment. There can be little hope of slowing down the rising level of jobless until industrial production stabilizes.

The biggest falls in manufacturing employment have occurred in metal manufacture, where 77,000 employees or 17 per cent of the total have lost their jobs. In textiles, about 69,000 employees have lost their jobs (16 per cent of the total) since the middle of 1979.

Another sharp increase in the numbers out of work is certain to be recorded this month. In the past, changes in unemployment have tended to follow about six months behind changes in output.

But, in the present slump, unemployment has risen much faster than might have been expected. Employment in the manufacturing industries has now fallen by 750,000 since the middle of 1979. This compares to the loss of 600,000 jobs in the previous recession in the two years to mid-1976.

Almost all industry groups suffered substantial falls in output last year. Production in metal manufacture fell by a third between the fourth quarter of 1979 and the end of 1980, and textiles, leather and clothing fell by a fifth.

The only bright spots were chemicals, coal and petroleum products, where production was slightly up in December (despite a fall of nearly 15 per cent in the fourth quarter compared to the same period in 1979); food, drink and tobacco, where output was 2 per cent up on the previous quarter; and mining and quarrying, where production was 7 per cent up in the last quarter of 1980 over the third, reflecting higher coal output and increased production of North Sea oil and gas.

The slump in output last year is principally the result of retailers and manufacturers attempting to run down stocks, which high interest rates have made expensive to finance.

Stocks held by manufacturers are still, historically, at high levels and there is little sign that destocking has come to an end.

But in the coming year, lower investment, weaker export performance and higher imports, encouraged by the strong pound, are likely to take over from destocking as the most important factors depressing output, with no early end to the recession in prospect.

Home gas prices expected to rise twice this year

By John Huxley

British Gas is expected to announce next week that domestic prices will rise by about 15 per cent from April, with a further 10 per cent increase in October.

The increases, which reflect the Government's energy pricing policy rather than the corporation's commercial needs, must be approved by the board of British Gas on Wednesday.

They have already prompted an angry response from trade unions, especially those representing large numbers of the state-owned corporation's 100,000 employees.

April's increase will be the third in 12 months. In the same month last year domestic prices rose by 17 per cent and there was a further rise of 10 per cent. Electricity prices will also go up by 10 per cent this April.

Mr John Edmonds, national energy officer for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, yesterday described the planned increases as despicable. He estimated that British Gas would report a profit for this year of more than £600m, compared with £426m last year.

"It is a political confidence trick", Mr Edmonds said. "The people who will get the blame will not be the Government. It will be the gas industry. As my members go round people's houses they will get the reaction." The GMWU represents most of the corporation's 40,000 manual workers.

The union's views were supported by the National and Local Government Officers' Association, which represents most white-collar workers. Mr David Stirzaker, national gas officer, said it was inevitable that the corporation and its members would be blamed for the increases.

Trade union leaders are sensitive on this issue because they are engaged in wage negotiations. They have been offered 9.9 per cent against a claim for 23 per cent, and are anxious to ensure that rising prices are not blamed on wage increases.

The scale of this year's gas price increases have been expected for some time. Ministers decided more than a year ago that domestic gas prices were unrealistically low and that in the three financial years after 1980-81 they would have to rise by 10 per cent more than the rate of inflation.

Earlier this month, the Government also announced plans to cream £1,300m from the profits of British Gas over the next three years, in another move that has made the corporation staff unhappy.

'Times' sale completed with £12m payment

By Dan van der Vat

Mr Rupert Murdoch last night took over *The Times*, its three supplements and *The Sunday Times* with immediate effect for a down payment of £12m.

Ownership was transferred from the Thomson Organisation, a subsidiary of Thomson British Holdings, which is the principal subsidiary in Britain of the International Thomson Organisation of Toronto, Canada. The takeover was completed when representatives of News International, Mr Murdoch's British company, put their signatures to a mound of deeds and documents, which were also signed by Thomson lawyers and executives last night.

Mr Murdoch came to the Thomson headquarters in Stratford Place, off Oxford Street, London, last night to drink a celebratory glass of champagne with Mr Gordon Brunton, managing director and chief executive of Thomson British Holdings.

Mr Murdoch thus acquired the freehold of 200 Grays Inn Road, *The Sunday Times's* building previously owned by another Thomson subsidiary (the adjacent building of *The Times* is rented from a third party), and the whole of Times Newspapers Holdings which owns the five titles.

He has also taken responsibility for redundancy payments to the 563 employees of the papers who will resign voluntarily as part of his deal reached on Thursday with the printing unions.

Thomsons will be entitled to 25 per cent of profits in excess of £5m made by Times Newspapers in any financial year, but only after the papers have accumulated a total net profit of £20m under Murdoch ownership.

That arrangement is open to cancellation in 1991. What it means is that Mr Murdoch has relieved Thomsons of all liabilities for Times Newspapers, which is estimated to have lost £13.8m last year and a total of £70m since Thomson set up the company 14 years ago.

The mechanics of the complicated takeover are in accordance with Mr Murdoch's established technique of making a relatively modest downpayment with the balance to be made up from future profits.

In this case such profits are a matter for speculation and within the ten-year period during which the arrangement will apply in its present form it is possible that the payments from profits to be made by Mr Murdoch may not be substantial.

On paper Thomsons have sold assets with a putative value of £36m for £12m and a share in future profits. But they have also disposed of a growing drain on the overall profits of their British operation and can be said to have extricated themselves with finesse.

Terms endorsed: Leaders of the largest union within Times Newspapers yesterday endorsed the terms agreed by their national officers with News International (Our Labour Editor writes).

The executive council of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) unanimously supported the package negotiated by the union's general secretary, Mr Owen O'Brien, and other officials, for operating agreements on the five titles.



Back to camp: Former Zipra guerrillas returning to their camp in the township of Entumbane, near Bulawayo, after heavy fighting which started on Tuesday between Zipra and Zanla forces in and round Zimbabwe's second city. Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Minister Without Portfolio, who arrived in Bulawayo on Thursday, said that steps would be taken to move both his Zipra supporters and Zanla men, who support Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, from Entumbane. Yesterday Bulawayo was returning to a semblance of normality as loyal national army troops moved round Entumbane collecting bodies. Test for Mr Nkomo, page 4

America's Chinese not amused by Ustinov

From Ivor Davis
San Francisco, Feb 13

Nearly all television stations here and some in Los Angeles have refused to run advertisements promoting today's opening of *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* after claims from Asian-American groups in the United States that the wily oriental sleuth as portrayed by Peter Ustinov is "a racist and degrading stereotype."

The groups put pressure on television stations to reject the commercials. They were to picket and demonstrate outside cinemas here, in Los Angeles and New York when the film opened tonight.

One group called the Association of Asian American Artists has taken out newspaper advertisements themselves accusing American Cinema, the company which made the $9m (£3.93m) production, of "robbing Asian Pacific Americans of dignity, pride and human qualities".

The film, which opened in 750 cinemas throughout the United States, stars Ustinov playing the famous detective for the first time in his career and also features Lee Grant, Roddy McDowell, Angie Dickinson, and the late Welsh actress, Rachel Roberts.

It was directed by Clive Donner, an Englishman. During filming in San Francisco last year Asian American groups also voiced opposition to the film and picketed the company.

Mr Richard Lederer, a marketing vice-president for the film company, said he was

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Mr Foot takes the fight to dissidents

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Labour Party, and some of his Shadow Cabinet colleagues, threatened by a breakaway centre party, set out last night to steady Labour's ranks.

While Mr Foot delivered a reply to the accusations of Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Denis Healey, the deputy leader, spoke about the unifying forces inside the party and added: "We shall not be helped by bumbug from the faint hearts who are planning to desert us just when the battle is at its fiercest".

Mr Foot repudiated the charges of Mrs Williams that the party had changed, its character over the past decade, that there was a new spirit of intolerance that gripped the party leadership, that there was a "rigid refusal to compromise on the part of those who disagree with her point of view", and that there had been an abandonment of the party's allegiance to parliamentary democracy.

He told a meeting in Nelson, Lancashire, that he had pleaded with Mrs Williams "for several hours on end" to stay in the party and exercise her full democratic rights. "None of these charges, in my judgment, is borne out by the facts."

Mr Foot went back over the history of Labour's internal battle about the EEC, stating that Mrs Williams and her pro-EEC colleagues, were in a minority. "Throughout the whole decade, she and her friends have never concealed their views or been required by Labour discipline to conceal their views."

Thanks to the prevailing spirit of tolerance, the party had held together. "I think it is not merely ungenerous, but a complete misconstruction of the facts that anyone should now cite this case of the Common Market as an example of a refusal by the party to compromise in any way."

Mr Foot took up the allegations about the so-called entryism into the party of Trotskyist groups. He agreed that "there are some parts of the country where the Militant tendency conducts operations which are a pestilential nuisance to the Party as a whole.

"I hope Party members will be aware of what happens, and be on their guard against those who would seek to subvert the party for quite undemocratic reasons."

Mr Foot admitted that a few would leave the Labour Party, "but I believe it will be a few", and they would have to bear a heavy responsibility at such a moment in the party's history. The vast majority, including the considerable numbers joining the party every week, would stay to help ensure that the greatest days of the Labour movement lay ahead.

Mr Roy Hattersley, opposition spokesman on home affairs, gave a warning in Nottingham that these were difficult days for the party "and we do our movement no service pretending otherwise". The creation of a new social democratic party now seemed inevitable.

"We need to build a party in which the narrow sectarianism of Militant and the intentionally divisive slogans of the Rank and File Mobilizing Committee are rejected as wholly unworthy of the traditions of our movement.

"In some branches the spirit of mindless intolerance has taken over. To stop it from spreading we have to act now. The task is not beyond us. The real Labour Party is waiting to reassert itself."

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The centre in turmoil

Is British political life facing its greatest shake-up for 50 years?

Staff reporters of *The Times* have been talking to large numbers of voters in several parts of the country about their attitudes to the formation of the Council for Social Democracy by Mrs Shirley Williams and her colleagues, and the possibility that this will break the political mould.

Next week from Monday to Thursday we shall publish four articles discussing their reactions, and on Friday a final article will analyse those findings and, in particular, examine possible variations in regional attitudes.

Talks on pit closures offered to miners

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The Government last night made known its readiness to meet miners' leaders for talks on the future of the coal industry after the first swathe of pit closures involving 5,600 job losses was announced.

Officials of the National Union of Mineworkers were told at area level meetings that 10 pits must shut over the next year in South Wales, Kent and Durham. Alternative work would be available for a large proportion of the miners, but many would be made redundant.

New closure announcements will be made every day next week in the run-up to a special union national executive meeting called for February 19 to decide whether the men should be recommended to vote for a national strike in a secret pit-head ballot.

Only one area called in for talks, the highly-productive North Nottinghamshire coalfield, yesterday escaped the National Coal Board's axe. Elsewhere, union officials were told that pits must shut to bring the industry's output into line with falling demand caused by the recession.

In Kent, Mr Jack Collins, the union area secretary, led his team out of the meeting after hearing that Snowdown colliery, near Dover, one of the three pits left in the county, was to be closed with a loss of 960 jobs. About half the men would be found work in the remaining collieries, but 450 will have to leave the industry. The coal board said that Snowdown had lost £21m over the past five years.

As that coalfield confrontation took place, the Department of Energy gave sympathetic consideration to separate requests from the union and the coal board for urgent talks under the tripartite procedure bringing together Government, management and men that was set up after the 1974 strike.

It was made known later that a meeting between both sides of the industry and Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, would be arranged early next week. It was not clear whether those discussions would be arranged before the miners' emergency executive meeting.

In South Wales, miners' area leaders reacted with cautious anger to the coal board's announcement that five pits were to close with the loss of 2,800 jobs.

The union coalfield executive will meet on Monday to determine what recommendation will be made to an area conference two days later. Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales miners' president, would not be drawn on what decision would be taken, but I understand that strike action from February 23 is likely.

The South Wales closure programme regarded by the union

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Four hostages seized in Havana embassy

Havana, Feb 13.—Twenty-nine Cubans, some armed, stormed the Ecuadoran embassy today and seized four hostages. They threatened to kill the four if Cuban police intervened.

The four captives are Señor Jorge Pérez Concha, the Ambassador, Señor Francisco Proano, a Counsellor, Señor Guillermo Asante Ramirez, the Second Secretary, and Señora Mercedes Vasquez, a Cuban administrative employee.

The group, armed with submachine-guns and hand grenades, refused to allow the Ambassador to go outside the embassy to speak with a Cuban official, Señor Bessante told Agence France-Presse by telephone.

No shots were reported to have been fired but an armed Cuban guard stationed at the embassy entrance was injured in a scuffle.

A member of the group, Señor Rómulo Juan Delgado Fernández, said in a telephone call that the group of 19 men, four women and six children arrived on foot at the embassy, on the first floor of a small building in Havana.

Solidarity to give regime breathing space

Solidarity is apparently prepared to give the new Polish Government of General Jaruzelski the three months moratorium on strikes it has asked for on the condition that it carries out its promises, and talks between the new administration and the unions bring results Page 4

Plea over Talbot

The French owners of the Talbot car company are being asked to reverse, or delay for a year, their closure of the Linwood plant in Scotland. A group including unions and MPs is seeking a meeting with the head of the Peugeot-Citroën company Page 2

Navy thinks big

The four submarines Britain is to build to carry the new Trident I missiles could be nearly half as large again as the Polaris vessels, according to evidence to the Commons Defence Committee. But that could push the cost beyond the £5,000m estimate Page 2

Vandals hold up first Test match

The start of the first Test match between West Indies and England at Port of Spain was delayed for three hours after protestors damaged the tarpaulins covering the wicket allowing damp to seep through. Page 17

Bombs in Paris

Three bombs exploded in the Paris area, one seriously damaging the Italian tourist office and another destroying 15 parked cars at Orly Airport. The Corsican National Liberation Front claimed responsibility Page 4

Spacewatch sought

There are more than 800 asteroids spinning through the solar system that pose a threat to earth—either by starting an accidental war or by damaging ecosystems—and scientists want them monitored Page 4

Anger in Greece

King Constantine's brief return to Greece for the burial of his mother went off smoothly enough but the political controversy continued, with the Opposition party calling for the Government's resignation Page 4

Education damaged by cuts, report says

The quality of education in many schools is being damaged by spending cuts and falling pupil numbers, according to a report by school inspectors. Mr Neil Kinnock, opposition spokesman on education, immediately called for a full parliamentary debate Page 3

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Linwood action group formed to press Talbot to reverse or postpone closure of its car plant

Unions, MPs and local councils are joining forces to ask the French owners of the Talbot car company to reverse, or at least delay for a year, the decision to close the Linwood plant in Scotland.

A group including representatives of the unions and the Scottish branch of the Confederation of British Industry said it was ready to meet M Jean-Paul Parayre, head of Peugeot-Citroën, "anytime, anywhere".

If the company will not meet them, they intend to ask the Foreign Office to press Peugeot-Citroën for a meeting.

That decision was made at a meeting in Glasgow yesterday of Linwood shop stewards, the Scottish TUC, local MPs, the Scottish Development Agency, the CBI and local and regional councillors.

Strathclyde Regional Council, which organized the meeting, estimates that the loss of the 4,800 jobs at Linwood could take unemployment to 40 per cent in Linwood and to 19 per cent in Paisley.

The council sent a telex message to Peugeot-Citroën when the closure was announced on Wednesday, seeking a meeting, but so far it has received no reply.

Mr Charles O'Halloran, convener of the council, said yesterday: "We do not know if it will be successful, but while there is a glimmer of hope we owe it to the community and those who are going to be thrown on the scrap heap to do something about it."

The group's main aim is to persuade Mr Parayre to reverse the decision, or to delay it until June next year to provide time for new industry to be attracted to Linwood.

Mr James Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, said after the meeting: "If Peugeot refuses to meet the delegation sent from here, they will be bloody lucky to give their cars away in this area, never mind sell them."

The Linwood workforce has pledged to fight the closure through established union procedures, using industrial action only if it becomes necessary. Representatives will meet national union officials in Glasgow on Sunday.

Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of the Scottish Development Agency said there could be no quick solution to the crisis.

The agency is the Government's principal arm in Scotland for job creation and industrial revival. In industrial areas affected by sudden large-scale unemployment, the agency can send task forces to develop a number of small-scale industrial and commercial units, or has declared an area an enterprise zone.

The agency said: "The area is in no sense a totally black zone for industry. A few miles away from Linwood the National Semiconductor plant, which is American-controlled, is undergoing a £45m expansion and plans to increase the work force to 2,000."

The agency feels that there are grounds for optimism over the Linwood area because of the success of its task forces, the Clydebank enterprise zone and urban renewal projects.

The former Singer sewing machine works in Clydebank are being converted into factory units, some of which have been taken, creating 300 jobs. A waiting list is growing for other factory space.

Urban renewal projects have generated more than 3,000 jobs in the east of Glasgow, many of them with local companies expanding business.

They show that industry can be developed and attracted to the west of Scotland, but the process takes time.

Cost of Trident-1 package could rise well above £5,000m estimate

Navy may opt for bigger missile submarines

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The four submarines Britain will build to carry the Trident-1, its next strategic deterrent, could be nearly half as large again as the existing boats armed with Polaris missiles, which Trident will replace in the 1990s.

But that would raise the cost of the missile package to well above the £5,000m that the Government estimated last year, and would fuel the present debate over defence priorities.

The Royal Navy, it was learnt yesterday, expects to decide the size of the new submarines this summer, after a study which is being carried out on its behalf by the United States.

The options open to the Ministry of Defence, which is making its own study of how many missiles the submarines should carry, are outlined by Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Controller of the Navy, in evidence to the House of Commons Defence Committee, which has just been published.

The committee expects to publish a report on the Government's strategic nuclear weapons policy in the late spring, but is releasing all its evidence now, before the Commons debates the subject early in March.

Last year's official estimate of £5,000m over 15 years was based on a force of four submarines, comparable in size to the 8,600-ton Resolution class which now carries Polaris. Each would be armed with 16 of the American Trident-1 missiles.

Admiral Fieldhouse said however that the Americans, who are building the 19,000-ton Ohio class boats to carry their own force of Tridents, are helping to advise the Ministry of Defence on whether Britain too should opt for a bigger vessel.

That would not necessarily mean designing a British submarine as large as the Ohio. But by extending the length to 500 feet and the diameter of the missile compartment from 30 feet to 40 feet (like the Ohio) it would be possible to build a subarine capable of carrying the Ohio's complement of 24 Trident missiles instead of 16.

Parallel studies are also in hand at the Ministry on how many missiles Britain should have at sea at any one time.

The Government has retained the option to add a fifth submarine, at an extra cost of £600m. But that is unlikely, given the squeeze on the defence budget. By raising the number of missiles in each submarine, however, the Government could still put more Tridents to sea—if it is prepared to meet the cost.

Admiral Fieldhouse was also closely questioned by MPs on the effect of building the new Trident boats on the Navy's building programme for hunter-killer nuclear submarines, as there is now only one shipyard, Vickers, at Barrow-in-Furness, capable of building nuclear submarines of any kind.

He acknowledged that if both programmes were to be maintained at the planned rate, a similar facility would have to be reactivated at Cammell Laird, at an estimated cost of £20m.

House of Commons Defence Committee, *Strategic Nuclear Weapons Policy*, HMSO (£3).

Mr Mike Thomas quits the PLP

From Our Correspondent
Newcastle upon Tyne

Mr Mike Thomas, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, East, last night broke with the Parliamentary Party to devote his energies to the Council for Social Democracy. He will remain in the Commons but will no longer take the party whip.

He told his annual constituency that he would not be putting his name forward as its candidate in the next election.

He said: "I have no quarrel with you. My profound difference is with the Labour Party nationally. You will all have been aware of the increasing difficulty I have had in accepting present trends within the party.

"I must be prepared to advocate the policies of the party and accept the constitution... the party if I am to continue as a Labour MP. I have come to believe that after the changes that have been made I can no longer honourably do so."

Mr Thomas said it was clear from his correspondence that his constituents wished him to continue as their MP until the end of this Parliament.

"I intend to resign the Labour whip after consultation with my parliamentary colleagues. I have resigned the various offices I held within the Parliamentary Labour Party and will play no further part in its proceedings.

"I intend now to devote my energies to furthering the objectives of the Limehouse declaration and the Council for Social Democracy."

Mr Thomas, aged 36, who has been an MP for six years, recently sent 30,000 letters to constituents seeking views on his backing for the Council for Social Democracy. He received 1,000 replies. Of the first 500, four to one were in favour of his moderate stand, he said.

After the meeting a constituency party statement said that Mr Thomas should resign his seat to allow a by-election.

Mr Thomas said later that it would be leaving the party... "It will be logical for me to leave the party at that point. My own feeling is that it will not be too long before a new party is formed." He added that he felt very sad.

Dole money 'could help build homes'

By Our Planning Reporter

Up to 90,000 of the 120,000 building workers made jobless in the past year could be given work if the Government used their unemployment money to pay them to build houses instead, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Opposition spokesman on the Environment, said last night.

Addressing a Labour Party meeting in Blackpool, he said: "During the past year alone, more than 120,000 building workers have been thrown out of work as a result of the Government's disastrous policy of cutting money for housebuilding by more than half since Labour left office.

"At a very conservative estimate, the cost to the Exchequer of keeping these additional men out of work comes to at least £600m."

While that £600m would not put all the extra unemployed back to work, most of them would be given jobs, he said. In addition, the community would gain extra assets instead of pouring out hundreds of millions of pounds non-productively.

BL to begin dismissal of white-collar staff

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

British Leyland Cars is to begin sending dismissal notices next week to 900 white-collar staff whose jobs they have failed to cut through voluntary redundancy.

The move comes after negotiations between the company and white-collar unions failed to resolve the issue. The company decided to cut 4,250 jobs in all last year.

BL Cars postponed its deadline for achieving the cuts after moves towards limited industrial action late last autumn. These were in response to management warnings that compulsory redundancies would have to be made if enough volunteers did not come forward.

Since the breakdown of talks the unions have agreed a policy of overtime bans, refusal to cover for jobs lost under the programme and refusal to handle design and other work contracted to other companies.

The company indicated last night that it had intended to shelve the dismissals for a further three weeks in the hope that more volunteers would come forward, but in view of the sanctions it had decided not to.

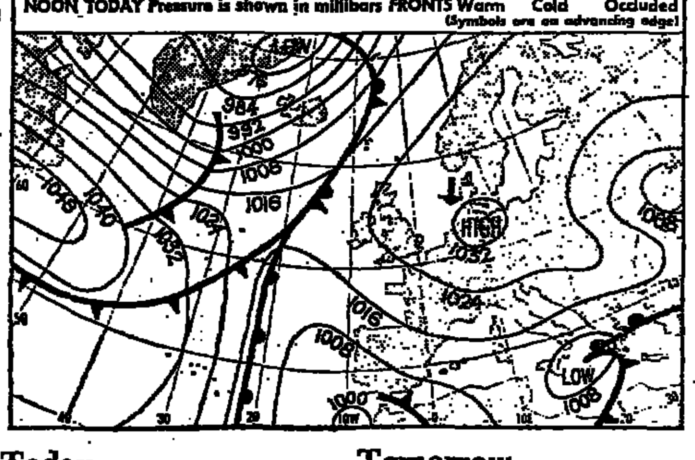
In contrast to the rapid reduction of manual workers' jobs in the company, BL has had real difficulties in cutting white-collar staff by the levels management judged necessary.

It is understood that white-collar workers in the Cowley body plant and 18 of the company's other 33 plants had refused to take part in the industrial action.

At Longbridge, the biggest plant where the Mini-Metro is produced, and at the Cowley assembly plant, Jaguar and Rover at Solihull, white-collar employees had supported the call.

Although the company emphasized last night that production had not been materially affected it has evidently decided to take tough action in the face of the potentially cumulative effect of limited industrial action.

Indications were that about half the 900 staff now earmarked for redundancy would be sent dismissal notices by the end of next week.



The Queen at Hampton, west London, yesterday, after opening the two millionth home built under the National House Building Council protection scheme. She is followed by Sir Peter Trench, chairman.

Hull heritage neglected, report says

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The day after the Department of the Environment agreed to the demolition of a group of eighteenth century buildings in Hull to make way for new law courts, its Property Services Agency announced that no start would be made on the new buildings before 1985, according to a report by Save Britain's Heritage, the conservation group.

The report, the second in a series on northern towns, accuses the council of neglecting its heritage of historic streets and buildings "to a degree remarkable even among British towns".

There had recently been a change in attitudes, but the time had not yet come when the city could be said to be safe from unnecessary demolition and redevelopment. "The local authority now has some vision of a conserved Hull, but it is still to some extent a narrow and blinkered vision."

The old area, revitalized, ought to be seen as an important asset.

Hull: Gateway to the North or End of the Line, Save Britain's Heritage, 3 Park Square West, London, NW1. (75p.)

Minister denies Paisley charges

From David Nicholson-Lord
Belfast

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday denied the Rev Ian Paisley's allegations about the conduct of the Army on the night Sir Norman Stronge, former Speaker in the Stormont Parliament, and his son, James, were killed by the Provisional IRA.

Mr Atkins described as totally untrue Mr Paisley's claims, made in the Commons on Thursday, that army helicopter had to be recalled for lack of fuel and an army patrol was being "wined and dined" at a republican house.

Mr Atkin's denial was made to journalists at an inspection ceremony in Belfast. He said he had made inquiries about the allegations and there was no substance in them. He also denied that an army officer had been disciplined in connexion with the incident.

The only people who profited from such unsubstantiated allegations, he said, were the terrorists and their friends.

It appeared yesterday that Mr Paisley's claims were based on reports of police-army radio communications heard by people around the South Tyrone border village of Tynan, where the Stronges lived.

The Rev Thomas Taylor, Rector of Tynan and a friend of the Stronges, said there were reports of a helicopter pilot returning to base because he had run out of fuel and of a pilot supposedly searching the wrong area, saying he could not read a map because he had no torch.

Another version of Mr Paisley's "wining and dining" claim is that an army patrol was given a cup of tea in a house that was apparently not republican.

Last night Mr Paisley marched at the head of a column of "loyalists" through Omagh, co Tyrone, in the first of his rallies to counter what he regards as "the gradual process of all-Ireland integration".

He claimed that there were 10,000 in the rally, but the police put the numbers at about 2,000.

Dublin contact: After all the shenanigans over Mrs Margaret Thatcher's meeting with Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, the suggestion has been made that Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, might be taking a more active part in the new contacts arranged between the two countries (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

All such speculation, sinister or otherwise, is wrong, it was authoritatively stated yesterday. Lord Carrington is not taking any more active part than he did in the affairs of Ireland before the Dublin summit, the Foreign Office said. That means that his main concern remains Common Market matters.

The Foreign Office does, however, play a direct part in the contacts set up at the Dublin meeting. As the communiqué put it, the two prime ministers commissioned joint studies covering a range of issues, including possible new institutional structures.

Responsibility for pursuing those studies lies with the Cabinet Office. The Foreign Office obviously plays a part in that, notably on the last item of encouraging mutual understanding; but not exclusively so. As with so many questions concerning Ulster, speculation that Lord Carrington is entering the scene to play a new role seems to be all smoke and no fire.

Talks offered on pits

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as "leading to the inevitability of the annihilation of the coalfield" envisages the shutdown of five collieries (two of them "double pits") that have lost a total of £20m. They are Ty Mawr-Lewis Merthyr, near Pontypridd; Coegnant in Maesteg; Brynlliw-Morlais in west Wales; Aberpergwm, near Neath and Britannia at Pengam, Gwent.

Mr Philip Weekes, area director of the coal board, described the pits as "hopeless cases" in an area that is already losing £80m a year. The market for Welsh coking coal has collapsed because of falling demand from the British Steel Corporation.

In the North-east, the unions were told that four pits must close by next spring in addition to Blackhall colliery, the closure of which has just been agreed. Bearpark and Sacriston, near Durham, are to shut in July with the loss of about 850 jobs. Houghton mine which employs 240 men, would follow in September and the big Boldon colliery would close early next year with the loss of 918 jobs. Overall, 1,552 jobs would go, but 1,516 men could expect to be transferred to long-life mines and 436 would be made redundant.

The board is moving quickly to give local information on its four-point plan to bring production into line with reduced demand, which involves taking out 10 million tonnes of capacity through the closure of at least 20 mines and the loss of up to 30,000 jobs.

Against that background, the Government is bringing forward proposals to improve redundancy payments and relocation allowances so that more men will be tempted to take what are called unviable mines.

Embassy siege ties may get collectors in knots

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Tie collectors seeking one of the special designs produced for policemen involved in the Iranian Embassy siege last year may find some confusion. There is not one but two.

One is the official design, as described in *The Times* yesterday, and the other an unofficial one, produced within a few weeks of the end of the siege last May. The conflict between the two designs is reported to have caused a little delicate friction in police ranks.

The official design, being recorded at the College of Arms, consists of dark blue, light blue and grey stripes with a coat of arms representing a prince's coronet above a six-bar gate. Dark blue stands for the Metropolitan Police, light blue for the Special Air Service, Regiment and grey for Home Office civil servants who deal with anti-terrorist measures.

The coronet, normally used by the younger princes of the Royal Family, and the gate represent Prince's Gate, Kensington, which is the address of the embassy. The six bars designate the six days of the siege.

According to Mr Richard Miller, of Olympic Ties, which is making the tie, great care was taken over the design and up to 1,000 may be made in silk. One has already been presented to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary.

But 1,000 have also been produced in the unofficial design, which originated in the ranks of the diplomatic patrol group.

That tie, in humble Terylene, has dark blue background for the police and maroon and light blue stripes to represent the DPG and the SAS. Like its classy successor, it represents the embassy and the siege by a coronet above a six-bar gate.

Unfortunately someone chose the wrong coronet. A heraldic expert would read the tie as representing Baron's Gate.

The tie was officially banished. Scotland Yard then produced what is considered to be the genuine article.

Union says many NHS beds for old people closed

By Nicholas Timmins

About 4,000 geriatric beds in the National Health Service have closed, or have been scheduled for closure, in the 15 months to September, 1980, the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse) claimed yesterday.

The figures, published in the union's journal, are made up of 3,000 geriatric beds and about 1,000 pre-convalescent beds much used by the elderly. The calculations do not appear, however, to take account of any replacement beds provided by health authorities, although the union claims that in many cases nothing has been proposed to replace closed beds.

Mr Albert Spanswick, general secretary of Cohse, has appealed to the union's branches to fight policies which, it is claimed, "are leading to the systematic dismantling of the health and supporting community services for the elderly".

The union's journal claims that health authority actions and restrictions on spending are affecting the elderly.

FA to investigate alleged racialist recruitment

By Richard Ford

The Football Association is to investigate allegations that racialist groups are recruiting members from among young football supporters on the terraces.

At a meeting yesterday representatives of the Commission for Racial Equality told the association of their fears that *the National Front and British Movement* were operating at various clubs in England. Mr David Lane, chairman of the commission, said they had been trying to recruit members from among football supporters in east London.

During the discussions at the FA headquarters in London, the activities of right-wing groups on the terraces or outside clubs including West Ham, Arsenal, Millwall, Leeds, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest were brought to the attention of Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the FA, and Mr Edgar Croker, secretary.

The alleged activities of Right-wing groups which have alarmed the commission include the appearance at some grounds of young people dressed in military-style uniform displaying Nazi badges, the selling of Right-wing newspapers outside the gates, and the chanting by supporters of racialist slogans, including "I hate Yids", at some London grounds.

The commission praised the association and clubs for their positive attempts to encourage coloured players. A spokesman said: "The FA and clubs have done a lot to promote equality and encourage all people to develop their potential, but we wanted to bring to their attention the problem that does exist at certain clubs from extremists who use the terraces for their own ends."

After the hour-long meeting the association promised to investigate the matters raised by the commission and "take any action within its power", if needed, after the inquiry.

Setback for actress in noise action

Miss Diane Hart, an actress, who claims that noise from building work on a £6m Islamic cultural centre in Kensington had driven her to drink, pills and finally put her in hospital, suffered a setback in her legal action against the owners in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court allowed in part an appeal by the Aga Khan Foundation against an order restricting the hours during which work at the centre, on the old National Theatre site in Cromwell Gardens, opposite Miss Hart's home in Thurloe Place, could be carried out.

Last month, Miss Hart, aged 54, was granted a temporary High Court injunction restricting building operations to between 8 am and 4.30 pm on Monday to Friday and 8 am to noon on Saturdays.

The court yesterday extended the hours for building and loading and unloading of materials, to 6 pm on Monday to Friday and 1 pm on Saturday.

The injunction will be effective pending full hearing of Miss Hart's action against the foundation.

Broadcasting staff unions to get pay offer soon

After preliminary wage talks yesterday, the BBC told unions representing about 28,000 staff that it will make an offer in writing for discussion at the next meeting.

The unions are understood to be seeking an increase of about 15 per cent, and the BBC to be offering about 9.5 per cent. The present agreement expires on March 31.

Last year's increase was 15 per cent, raising the BBC's wages bill of £190m by £28.5m.

The corporation is more than halfway through a programme of economies designed to save £130m over two years. It is hoping for a £16 increase in the colour licence fee, raising it to £50, to last for up to three years from next November.

Weather forecast and recordings

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

Today

Sun rises: 7.17 am
Sun sets: 5.14 pm
Moon sets: 3.56 am
Moon rises: 12.42 pm
Full moon: February 18.
Lighting up: 5.44 pm to 6.45 am. High water: London Bridge, 9.21 am, 6.3m; 10.10 pm, 6.3m. Avonmouth, 2.25 am, 10.1m; 3.20 pm, 10.4m. Dover, 6.35 am, 5.6m; 7.27 pm, 5.8m. Hull, 1.53 am, 6.4m; 2.32 pm, 6.2m. Liverpool, 7.04 am, 7.7m; 7.42 pm, 7.9m.
1 ft=0.3048m. 1m=3.2808 ft.

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.15 am
Sun sets: 5.16 pm
Moon sets: 4.57 am
Moon rises: 1.36 pm
Full moon: February 18.
Lighting up: 5.46 pm to 6.43 am. High water: London Bridge, 10.45 am, 6.3m; 11.26 pm, 6.5m. Avonmouth, 3.55 am, 10.6m; 4.43 pm, 11.1m. Dover, 7.59 am, 5.6m; 8.47 pm, 5.9m. Hull, 3.03 am, 6.4m; 3.48 pm, 6.5m. Liverpool, 8.23 am, 8.0m; 8.56 pm, 8.2m.
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A ridge of high pressure will extend slowly W across the United Kingdom.

Forecast for 6 am to midnight: London, S, E, Central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Dry and sunny, frost early and late; wind E, moderate to fresh; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

E, NW, Central N England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Midlands (W), S Wales, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Dry and mostly sunny, frost early and late; wind SE, moderate; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Dry, fog patches clearing, sunny periods, frost early and late; wind mainly S, light; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny periods; wind S, moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F).

NW Scotland: Dry, sunny intervals, perhaps cloudy in W by midnight; wind S, moderate to fresh; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Continuing dry, sunny and frosty in most places, cloudy at times in NW Scotland with a little rain, patchy overnight fog.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind E, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind S or SE, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1°C (34°F). Humidity 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 5.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	f	17	63	Copenhgn	s	−1	30	Locarno	f	4	39	Nice	s	10	50
Algiers	c	16	61	Dublin	f	6	43	London	s	5	41	Oslo	f	−5	23
Amsterdm	s	2	36	Edinbrgh	f	7	45	Luxembrg	s	−3	28	Paris	s	2	36
Athens	f	19	66	Florence	f	6	43	Madrid	c	2	36	Reykjavik	c	−7	19
Barcelona	f	11	52	Geneva	s	−1	30	Majorca	f	9	48	Rome	f	10	50
Beirut	f	17	63	Gibraltar	s	14	57	Malaga	f	14	57	Stockhlm	c	−4	25
Berlin	sn	1	34	Guernsey	s	10	50	Malta	f	17	63	Tel Aviv	f	16	61
Bermuda	f	22	[illegible]	Helsinki	s	−7	16	Miami	c	26	79	Toronto	s	−7	19
Biarritz	f	12	54	Innsbruck	s	−2	28	Montreal	f	−8	18	Vancouver	r	7	45
Brussels	s	1	34	Istanbul	r	5	41	Moscow	c	−3	27	Venice	s	4	39
Budapest	s	2	36	Jersey	s	10	50	Munich	s	−2	28	Vienna	c	0	32
Chicago	c	−4	25	L Palmas	c	16	61	Naples	c	8	46	Warsaw	c	−3	27
Cologne	s	0	32	Lisbon	s	7	45	N York	s	−4	25	Zurich	s	0	32

BBC departments' earnings to be reviewed

By Ken Gosling

A working party has been set up to examine the revenue-earning potential of three departments in the BBC's External Services: transcription services, English by radio and television, and overseas regional services.

It will examine how their earning capacity can be increased and determine to what extent a combination of all or part of those services could provide a common economic base with a view to making them together self-financing.

The transcription services, which celebrate a half-century next year, receive a modest £1m a year in grant and for that supply some 120 countries with programmes in English. About half of them are music and two-fifths of them directly originated from Kensington House, Shepherd's Bush, headquarters of the section.

The Foreign and Commonwealth office had a confidential memorandum recently, designed to emphasize external services' role in the world broadcasting scene. It put the case for maintaining the large amount of cultural programming the transcription services put out, and charge for, unlike countries that keep up a free and ceaseless bombardment of their output.

The BBC is the world's largest international distributor of radio programmes. The subscription charges can vary according to the subscriber's ability to pay, which means that Third World broadcasters need to pay little.

Mr Alan Jones, general manager of the transcription services, says: "It may make us sound like Boy Scouts, but we do this because we believe in it; we may sound a bunch of stupid altruists, but it is true all the same."

What it comes down to, Mr Jones says, is whether the Government accepts that the export of culture is worth while. In financial terms, the transcription services earn £400,000 a year; but a more vital statistic in his opinion is, for example, the fact that most of Britain's operatic and instrumental works first reached audiences throughout the world because transcription services' engineers were at the Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, with their recording van and microphones.

They still make their own recordings at all kinds of festivals and they are regulars at the Proms each year.

"Our function basically is to select from Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the World Service the programmes most likely to attract buyers in other countries—and the ones most likely to reflect favourably on British broadcasting and, by extension, Britain in the world", Mr Jones says.

The first sales were made in 1932 when 12 records were sent out to what were then called "the major imperial stations". Seven years later the Government decreed that the sale of programmes, which the Americans and Germans were doing, was politically important; the London transcription service opened up in 1944.

In 1979, the services sold 24,000 hours of broadcasting space. The present growth area is study tapes, going out to educational institutions outside Britain.

Mr Jones and his staff of 80 intend to package *The Lord of the Rings*. They also have in hand arrangements to adapt the John Lennon interview tapes, made shortly before his death, so that they become *The John Lennon Story* for overseas clients.

Chess contest begins

William Hartston, the international master, and John Nunn, the grandmaster, drew in the first of six games to contest the British chess title at the RAC Club in Pall Mall, London, yesterday. They play the second game today.

HOME NEWS

Cuts and falling pupil numbers are damaging quality of education, school inspectors say

y Diana Geddes
ducation Correspondent

Evidence that the cuts in ical spending on schools and illing pupil numbers are amaging the quality of education in many areas was given esterday in a draft report by ie schools' HM Inspectorate.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Opposition pokesman on education, nmediately accused education inisters of "malice and iminal complacency". The port had provided the most imning and detailed evidence iat the cuts "hacked into the ry bone marrow" of prosions for schools. He demaned a full parliamentary debate 1 the report.

Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary State for Education and ience, said he recognized that ductions in expenditure and lling pupil rolls were bound have some impact on the lucation service "but this ies not mean that the fabric education was disintegrating is about to disintegrate".

The report made it clear that many respects and in many aces the quality of the service served continued to be satisctory, he said. There was no om for complacency, however. e would be discussing the port with the local authorities hen they next met.

The report, which will be iblished in 10 days in its final irsion, is the result of school spectors' visits to more than *000 schools and colleges in* ie 96 English local education ithorities during last autumn term. It shows a patchy and largely deteriorating state of affairs, with widening disparities between authorities and between individual schools.

The report emphasizes that it was often impossible to disentangle the results of spending cuts and inflation from the effects of the falling number of pupils.

The HMI gives a warning that the damage observed so far might be more important as symptomatic of the future. "What now look like limited anxieties could become major problems, unless positive action to counter them can be built into policies."

In most authorities the pupil-teacher ratios remained little changed, though about 10,000 teaching jobs had been shed over the previous year. There had been no enforced redundancies but the alternatives of natural wastage, early retirement, voluntary redeployment, and unfilled vacancies often made it difficult for schools to cover the curriculum, the report says.

Staffing was deemed satisfactory in most schools, but in one sixth of primary and one fifth of secondary schools there was evidence of teachers teaching subjects for which they were inadequately qualified, of large teaching groups, and of classes of mixed ages.

Special provision for the gifted and less able pupils had been particularly badly hit.

In many schools special subjects had to be restricted or dropped altogether. The most vulnerable appeared to be foreign languages, some of the humanities, music, swimming, instrumental music, and craft, design and technology.

In nearly four fifths of authorities the purchasing power of *per capita* funding for books, materials and equipment had been reduced. Equipment was judged unsatisfactory in about a third of authorities.

Many *schools relied increasingly* on contributions from parents to provide, for example, new books and teaching material and equipment.

About two thirds *of* authorities had cut provision of non-teaching staff such as classroom ancillaries, technicians, library assistants, clerical staff, and foreign language assistants; and specialist advisers had been cut in about a third.

Head teachers were doing more teaching to counteract some of the effects of the cuts. Some secondary teachers were teaching 40 out of 40 periods a week. The HMI's visits had given them a strong impression of professional commitment and resourcefulness, the report says.

"Nevertheless, there is evidence that teachers' morale has been adversely affected in many schools. Its weakening, if it became widespread, would pose a major problem in the effort to maintain present standards, let alone improve them."

Where possible, local authorities had chosen to let the *redecoration of buildings and* other non-teaching costs bear the main burden of cuts.



Teenagers paid by the Manpower Services Commission clearing land in a wooded valley on the royal estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, for visitors to the park, which is open to the public.

'Truth drug' prisoner denies boy's murder

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

A prisoner serving a life sentence for murder received an injection of the so-called "truth drug", sodium pentathol, at his request yesterday in Long Lartin maximum security prison near Evesham, Hereford and Worcester.

Vincent Hickey, aged 28, had been granted permission by the Home Office and it was said that it had cost his family about £600 to have his doctor, psychiatrist and lawyers present.

Mr Hickey, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, was convicted 15 months ago for his part in the killing of Carl Bridgewater, a newspaper delivery boy, near Stourbridge, West Midlands. It was recommended that he should serve a minimum of 25 years.

His wife, Mrs Mandy Hickey, *said* yesterday: "After having the drug injected he maintained his innocence throughout and we were confident of the outcome. There will be an attempt to make it admissible in the court of appeal."

She said that one of the other three men convicted of the killing had also protested his innocence *after* having the drug. "We think the results are quite conclusive

When the Home Office said that permission had been granted Mr Hickey had been advised that any result would not be admissible as evidence and that the cost of the exercise would have to be met by him.

No date has been announced yet for the appeal by the four men.

Police killer's jail death not unexpected

The death of John Duddy, aged 52, serving a life sentence for killing a policeman, was sudden but not totally unexpected it was stated at an inquest at Newport, Isle of Wight, yesterday.

At 5 pm last Sunday he was on his bed in a Parkhurst Hospital cell, cheerful and uncomplaining. Five minutes later an alarm sounded and he was found breathless. Oxygen was administered. He became unconscious and at 5.35 he was dead.

A post-mortem examination showed that he had a severe heart condition. A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.

Council in ail village lispute

y John Young
lanning Reporter

An application by a council nant to buy his home has rovoked concern about the iture of the historic Railway illage at Swindon, Wiltshire.

The case is of some national gnificance in that it raises the uestion of whether the "right buy" provision enshrined in ie Housing Act, 1980, can be econciled with the preservaon of the achitectural unity of group of buildings.

Thamesdown council has vited Mr Michael Heseltine, ecretary of State for the ivironment, to address its next eeting on February 26 on his tentions for the village. eanwhile its housing committe has voted to break the law taking no action on the iant's application.

Although the tenant has parently given no indication it he intends to alter the pearance of his home, the uncil is concerned that sellg buildings in conservation eas will open the way to sightly changes and additions.

"We have no objection in Inciple to selling certain pes of houses, and have been ing so for years", Mr James asters, leader of the council, id yesterday.

"But we are digging our els in over the Railway illage. Selling individual proerties is the thin end of a edge which could eventually atter its architectural and ivironmental integrity."

The village was designed by *atthew Digby Wyatt*, the chitect of Paddington station,

Minister changes rules for teachers' pay arbitration

By Our Education Correspondent

The Government has changed the rules under which teachers' *pay calims go to arbitration*, despite the unanimous opposition of the teachers' unions and protests from the metorpolitan authorities.

Mr Mark Calisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in the Commons yesterday that after careful consideration he had used his powers under the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965, to provide for arbitration only by the agreement both of unions and employers.

The change took effect from Thursday. The first full meeting in the present pay round of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body on teachers' and lecturers' pay in England and Wales, is next Wednesday.

The Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils had urged the change, arguing that the old arrangements, under which either side could opt unilaterally for arbitration, operated in favour of the unions and made meaningful negotiations impossible.

However, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, which is Labour-controlled, believes that it could soon be to the employers' advantage to be able to go to arbitration, over conditions of service, for example. The Government's decision would make it possible for one side to block arbitration

Mr. Tom Caulcot, secretary of the association, said: "To make this change just as we are beginning what is clearly going to be a difficult pay negotiation *is entirely reprehensible*".

The response of the National Union of Teachers, which has campaigned vigorously against the change, was muted. Mr Douglas McAvoy, deputy general secretary, said that the change was "contrary to good industrial relations and could increase the possibility of disruption in schools", although he did add that he was "bitterly disappointed".

In brief

Ships sail again after five weeks

Ships held up by the seamen's dispute in the past five weeks began to sail again yesterday after the agreement by both sides late on Thursday night to put the union's overtime claim to arbitration.

The General Council of British Shipping said about 50 of the 233 ships halted by the dispute had already set sail by last night. *Meanwhile both* sides are considering names of proposed candidates to chair the arbitration panel of three set up under the auspices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Man died after night on barbed wire

Mr George Purdy, aged 75, a retired miner, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, died from exposure after spending a night *entangled in a barbed wire* fence, an inquest at Nottingham was told yesterday. A misadventure verdict was recorded.

Boxer on taxi charge

Christopher Finnegan, aged 36, former British and European light-heavyweight boxing champion, was remanded on bail until March 13 by magistrates at Uxbridge, London, yesterday, charged with making off without paying £9.80 after a taxi ride.

Newspaper to alter size

The *Liverpool Daily Post*, the provincial morning broadsheet newspaper circulating on Merseyside and in North Wales, is to halve its page size in the spring in an attempt to arrest falling circulation and increase revenue. The circulation, which in 1972 was 100,000, is down to about 70,000.

Dutch skippers fined

Two Dutch trawler skippers, Cornelius Boerson and Wilhelmus Boom, were each fined £1,079 by Grimsby magistrates yesterday for using illegal nets in the North Sea. Their nets, valued at £1,000 each, were confiscated.

Airline man for trial

Hosni Esad Farhat, aged 34, a Libyan Arab Airlines worker, was sent in custody for trial at Winchester Crown Court by Portsmouth magistrates yesterday, charged with the attempted murder of four people.

Medieval gate found

The medieval south gate of Gloucester has been discovered accidentally by workmen digging up a road. It was almost destroyed during the Civil War siege of Gloucester and its position was not known.

Ship saved from rocks

A large Egyptian factory *ship* dragged her anchor off Falmouth, Cornwall, yesterday. Force nine gusts threatened to blow her on to rocks but tugs towed her to safety.

Humberside expected to cut rate by 6p

From Our Correspondent
Hull

A county precept rate reduction of 6p to 95p in the pound was recommended by Humberside County Council's policy committee yesterday.

It represents a 6 per cent decrease and is a saving of £8.70 for the average householder.

The district rate will have to increase by more than 40 per cent before the average domestic rate goes up, the council says, and if there is only a 20 per cent increase there will be a 30 per cent decrease in domestic rate bills.

Good housekeeping and staying within the Government's 6 per cent guideline was the reason for the rate's reduction, Mr Spencer Rudking, the council leader, said.

Staff had been reduced by 3,152 by natural wastage, he said. Although £5m was saved in the education department this year, one of the best pupil-teacher ratios in the country was maintained. More school meals were paid for and of the 66,000 meals served daily, 18,000 were free.

Credit balances for this year were expected to exceed £14m, Mr Rudkin said.

Merseyside increase: The Merseyside county rate precept to be levelled on the five district councils for the coming financial year will be 34.5p in the pound, a rise of less than 1 per cent compared to an increase of 29 per cent this year (Our Liverpool Correspondent writes).

It has been achieved by a cut of £12.5m in the estimates of the spending committees, nearly half of it on public transport.

The details were approved at the budget meeting of the policy committee in Liverpool yesterday. A Labour amendment calling for the budget to be redrawn *on the ground* that it was inappropriate was defeated by 19 votes to seven.

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New danger will speed BBC project

By a Staff Reporter

The BBC is advancing its plans for modernization at Bush House, the London home of external service broadcasts, after further discoveries of asbestos in the ventilation system.

Fifteen studios will be taken out of service later this year when blue asbestos, which is liable to cause cancer, is stripped from the ventilation ducts.

External services will lose almost all recording capacity and programmes will have to go out live while the work is done.

The difficulties have been compounded by the further discovery of white asbestos, considered to be less dangerous, in ventilation systems of other areas of Bush House.

It has led to acceleration of a review of plans for modernizing the building while surveys are made to determine how the asbestos should be stripped.

The Health and Safety Executive is advising the BBC on safety measures and the levels of asbestos dust in the building are reported to be acceptable.

Ex-gunner to pay compensation o CS gas victims

om Our Correspondent
loucester

Colin Pritchard, aged 21, a inner in the Army, set off a S gas pellet in a public house vatory for a *joke, but seven* ople were affected by the oking fumes, two of them so dly that they had to go to ispital, Judge Hutton was told Gloucester Crown Court yesrday.

Mr Pritchard, of Highfields, irsley, Gloucestershire, who is now ended his four-year rm with the Royal Artillery, is given a six-month jail senice, suspended for two years, ter he admitted stealing five llets from his base in Wiltire and administering poison three people.

He asked for four similar fences to be considered. He is ordered to pay three of the ctims £120 in compensation.

Dairy chief says EEC food 'tax' should end

By Hugh Clayton
Agriculture Correspondent

Prices of all butter and cheese would fall in Britain if the Government cut the EEC "tax on food", Mr Brian Joyce, *managing director of* the Irish *Dairy* Board, said in London yesterday.

He said Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was mistaken in his belief that there would be no price cuts.

Mr Joyce said that if the "tax" were to be eliminated by a full revaluation of the Green pound the *price* in Britain of Irish Kerrygold butter would fall quickly by 7p a 250gm packet from its present level of more than 40p.

"The whole market for butter and cheese would go *down*.", he said "The market is really competitive."

The "tax", officially termed a positive monetary compensatory amount, is used by the Government to protect British farmers against cheap imports.

Mr Joyce's board is a statutory agency which handles all exports of dairy produce from the Irish Republic. He is also chairman of Adams Foods, of Leek, Staffordshire, which warkets Irish butter and cheese in Britain.

"I am paying a tax of 18 per cent to put butter into Britain", he said. He believed that British butter consumption would increase by a tenth in a year if the "tax" was removed.

Sea worms cause £1.7m damage to rail viaduct

Barmouth viaduct, the half-mile long rail link across the Mawddach estuary in mid-Wales, will cost £1.7m to repair and protect it from ship worms and gribbles, British Rail said yesterday.

The viaduct, which is 114 years old, has been attacked by *the creatures and has been* closed since last October.

British Rail said it was to spend £300,000 in addition to £200,000 for a full engineering investigation so that the line could be reopened for about six months on May 23, in time for the summer holiday season.

"After that", Mr Hugh Jenkins, British Rail's divisional manager, said at a press conference at Maentwrog yesterday, "we need to find a further £1.2m to make a permanent job of repairing and protecting the structure."

Talks are being sought with the Department of Transport and the Welsh Office to see who will pay.

The viaduct normally carries about nine trains a day in each direction. Since it was closed last autumn travellers have been diverted around the estuary by a special bus service.

The danger to the structure was discovered during routine maintenance last year, when it was found that the gribble worm, a form of *sea louse*, was attacking the exterior of wooden piles. The ship worm had attacked the interior, and was still active.

Life and leisure: Local history societies are spreading fast

Growing urge to catch up with the past

y Cyril Bainbridge

Thousands of people, singly in groups, are spending eir spare time poring over gisters and other documents the quest for knowledge out the history of the areas ey live in and the people who ed there.

The study of man's past in lation to his locality, otherise local history, is a pastime cupying the leisure of pidly increasing numbers of ople.

Interest has been further mulated through the formation, because of attacks on e environment and other ctors, of civic societies and eservation groups. Local story, besides its value as an itertaining pastime, can thus said to contribute to the etterment of life.

Enthusiasts vary in the exnt of their involvement: some erely pay their annual subription to a local history ciety and attend its periodic lectures, while others take photographs *and make other* records of changes in their locality. Some announce their detailed findings in publications of varying quality and interest.

There are now almost a thousand local history societies listed, many of which were first set up in the 1930s, when enthusiasm among adult amateurs began to manifest itself. They joined to form County Local History Committees, the first of which was inaugurated in Lincolnshire in 1930.

Local historians reported a remarkable growth of interest after the last war and in 1948 a national forum was provided through the setting up of the Standing Conference for Local History. That body decided in 1977 that the stage had been reached in the development of local history for an independent committee to assess the pattern of interest, activity and study.

One of the committee's main conclusions was the need for a strong, independent national *organization*, soundly based financially, for local history in England and Wales.

Miss Bettie Miller, secretary of the standing conference, said: "We are now gradually working towards that end and hope to have such an organization next year".

A distinctive *characteristic* of local history is its amateur recreational tradition. Besides the thousands whose interest is nurtured and stimulated through organized local history societies there is a substantial but *indefinable* number of "lone rangers".

It is a subject in which the professional and the amateur can work closely together. Much activity also takes place in Workers' Educational Association classes in local history, on courses in university extramural departments and through surveys conducted by organizations such as the Women's Institute and Scout associations.

Some of those bodies have made an invaluable contribution to the study of an area and their findings have been deposited for reference in county record offices, the staffs of which, along with those of museums and public libraries, guide the local historian in his labours.

Many public libraries have responded to the increasing interest in the subject by organizing local history sections staffed by a new breed of assistant, local history librarians.

The leadership and enthusiasm in many local history groups stem not from old-established local families but from newcomers.

Local historians feel a strong urge to publish the results of their researches. Many unfortunately merely record the masses of facts they have assembled, ignoring the human aspects that make local history so fascinating. People are naturally curious about people, which accounts for local history becoming so popular.



WEST EUROPE

Greek Government embarrassed by political furore after King Constantine's visit

From Our Own Correspondent
Athens, Feb 13

Although King Constantine's brief homecoming yesterday for the burial of his mother went off without serious hitch, the political controversy touched off by the event has not died down.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (*Pasok*), the main opposition party, called for the Government's immediate resignation and prompt elections, arguing that the whole affair breached the country's republican constitution.

The opposition had feared that the Government, by granting its consent to the burial of Queen Frederika in Greece, was securing support from *monarchist voters in a year of* crucial general elections.

The opposition parties therefore managed, by overreacting, to intimidate the conservative Government into imposing such severe restrictions on the former King's length of stay, as well as on public attendance at the service, that it reversed monarchist sentiments towards the Government.

In the course of yesterday's outbursts at the funeral, royalist mourners hurled abuse and insults against the Government, event against the President of the Republic, and called the Minister who represented the Government at the service a "traitor".

Caught between these two fires, the Government tried to minimize the damage by emphasizing that disorders had been averted, and reproached both sides for trying to make political capital out of a purely humanitarian issue.

Mr George Rallis, the Prime Minister, said in a statement: "I feel compelled to point out with sincere regret the inadmissible frivolity of those from *whichever side who thought* for political gain from a death that should not have been made to exceed its human and family dimension."

He added: "Our democratic regime is very strong . . . it is not threatened by the presence either of dead or living persons, but by the deliberate incitement of old political passions, and by those who wish to exploit them."

The Government party, however, now faces the problem of disciplining four of its members of Parliament who defied orders and attended the funeral. They are politicians of known royalist convictions who certainly rely on royalist votes for their re-election.

What surprised many foreign observers here is the strength of the feelings on both sides about the monarchy, as well as the coarseness of the irreverent abuse used against the controversial former Queen Mother even after her death.

This behaviour has outraged even traditionally anti-royalist Greeks who do not forget that King Constantine was, after all, the only one who attempted a full-scale counter coup to topple the junta in 1967, a move that cost him his throne.

In this sense, these observers believe that the present controversy is likely to cause political losses to both sides.

Corsicans set off Paris bombs

Paris, Feb 13.—Corsican separatists today claimed responsibility for three bomb explosions in the Paris area during the night. One seriously damaged the Italian tourist office and another *destroyed* 15 parked cars.

The claim by the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) to a news agency came a little over a day after 46 bombs exploded at government offices, banks and other places in Corsica itself.

While police have said they believed the island bombings were FLNC work, the Front has not yet said it caused them. *They came a day after a Paris* court imprisoned 14 Corsican nationalists for terms of up to four years in connection with a kidnapping last year.

In the latest Paris incidents, as in those in Corsica, no one was hurt. The wrecked cars were in an Orly airport car park. The third explosion, at Bercy station, south-east Paris, damaged a railway carriage

Bonn sounds out countries in threatened Asian areas

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Feb 13

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, leaves here for Islamabad and Cairo on Sunday to sound out ways in which West Germany can contribute to political stability in the highly sensitive area of South-West Asia.

In a two-day conference of 13 West German ambassadors from the area and in talks with Pakistan and Egyptian leaders he will discuss the consequences of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Iraq-Iran war and the situation in the Gulf.

Herr Günther Van Well, his state secretary, who this week has been on a similar mission *in the pro-Western Gulf states* of Kuwait, Qatar and Oman, will report on his findings

The talks are part of West Germany's policy of attempting to halt Soviet expansion by increasing the stability and self-confidence of non-aligned countries in threatened areas, particularly with trade, aid and diplomatic support.

Herr Genscher and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, are firm believers in a coordinated Western strategy to achieve a balance of power round Afghanistan and the Gulf. But their role is complicated by self-imposed restrictions.

The Government has already decided that German soldiers *and German warships cannot be* sent to the Gulf to protect Western oil supplies if a crisis arose. It is keeping to its principle that the Bundeswehr can be called on for defence purposes only within the Nato area.

It looks as if Bonn's main effort will be largely economic. It pumped vast sums of money into Turkey and Pakistan after the Afghanistan invasion and *could find itself having to step* in if the United States carries out proposals to cut its aid to countries in the area.

Bonn's future role in the area will be discussed by Herr Genscher when he meets Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, in Washington in March, and again when Herr Schmidt meets President Reagan in April.

Earthquake bill to be paid by tax surcharge

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Feb 13

Italians will pay a 5 per cent surcharge on income tax during the current year under a Bill approved by the Government *today, to finance a plan* for reconstruction of the areas devastated by the earthquake in southern Italy last year.

The plan and the income tax surcharge Bill were approved at a meeting of the Cabinet today. The plan envisages full payment for rebuilding of private homes to owners who have had the houses they live in destroyed or damaged.

Dr Luns is not resigning Nato post, official says

From Frederick Bonnart
Brussels, Feb 13

Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, has no intention of resigning at present, a senior official on his staff said *here today, confirming* Dr Luns's recent statement that "there is no vacancy".

Because of his age—he will be 70 in August—and his 10-year tenure, there have been periodic speculations about his departure. Although there is no provision for replacing a Secretary-General outside a voluntary departure, Dr Luns would not resist a common desire by member countries for a change. According to senior diplomats at Nato, there is no abundance of possible candidates.

It could not be a Frenchman because France does not parti*cipate in the military structure* of the alliance, nor a Greek or a Turk owing to the present political difficulties

The one real possibility is Mr Henri Simonet, the former Socialist Foreign minister of Belgium who resigned and broke with his party because of their lack of support for the deployment in Europe of medium-range nuclear missiles.

Work on Basque nuclear power plant to be resumed

From Richard Wigg
Madrid, Feb 13

Work on building the nuclear power plant at Lemoniz, near Bilbao, is to resume on Monday after an overwhelming vote in the Basque *regional parliament* not to bow to ETA "blackmail".

Construction involving some 3,700 workers had stopped after the Basque terrorist organization threatened to kill Señor José Maria Ryan, the chief engineer on the project whom they had kidnapped, in a vain attempt to save him.

But last Friday night the engineer was murdered. That produced widespread anti-ETA demonstrations throughout the Basque region.

Resumption of work was announced today by Iberduero, *the private utility company* for whom the plant is being built.

Torture allegation: A suspected Basque terrorist died in Madrid after eight days of police interrogation. The Basque Socialist Party accused police of torouring him after he was captured during a gun fight between police and suspected members of the ETA (Our Madrid Correspondent writes).

Terrorist trial lawyers held in Italy

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Feb 13

Two lawyers who have defended accused terrorists were arrested here today on charges of distributing subversive propaganda.

Signor Eduardo di Giovanni has defended Renato Curcio, who was among the founders of the left wing Red Brigades movement. The other lawyer is a woman, Signora Giovanna Lombardi.

Signor Carmine Fiorillo, a journalist, was also arrested, and warrants have been issued for the arrest of others.

Patriotic call to unite Gaullists around new president

M Debré fuels salvation crusade

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 12

The French Elections

It takes some doing to appear before an audience of sceptical journalists and exalt the old *fashioned virtue of patriotism*, the bold Gaullist objective of the power and grandeur of France, and the need for a national awakening to halt the country's political and economic decline. Yet M Michel Debré, the former Prime Minister, has such a gift of eloquence and such a strength of conviction that yesterday he earned their respect, if not their aquiescence, in addressing them as a presidential candidate.

Words like "*The honour of* politics is to give back France her strength, that is the reconquest of France"; or "To reconquer France is to stimulate Frenchmen to great ambitions"; or "There is no greatness in inflation, unemployment, and an aging population", would sound grandiliquent and empty when uttered by any other politician. But they have a special quality of forcefulness in the mouth of M Debré because he is so evidently sincere and convin*ced of the righteousness of what* can only be described as his national crusade.

"France is a country which is growing weaker within a free world which grows weaker and moreover is at loggerheads. The awakening of France and Frenchmen is necessary. I am the candidate of that awakening . . . politics is not a market of illusions. The reconquest of France, through her recovered strength, is her only hope. Frenchmen and women have the means of this reconquest, of this new inspiration, which is the honour of politics", he declared.

The presidential elections were not a matter for sordid combinations between parties or between persons. They were the most serious act in the life of the country, "an appeal to our patriotism". He would have nothing to do with these combinations, he said in answer to a question about the "convergence between Gaullists and Socialists."

And what he would tell his followers to do in the second ballot? "I am a candidate confronted by Frenchmen, not by *parties*", *he insisted*. The Gaullist family extended beyond the ranks of the party organization. "I am the best man to unify the Gaullist family", he insisted. "I will not be understood by all my friends", he admitted, "but I will be by Frenchmen. And I will go on to the end."

The former Prime Minister called for a government of national unity around a new President, which would include men of different political origins who agreed on economic, social and political objectives, and were ready to work together on the task of national salvation. That government must be given special powers to carry through its programme of tax and public spending cuts, and fight against inflation. It would have to rule by decrees and ordinances. It would not be the first time in France.

He had been happy to note that many of the ideas he had been putting forward in the past six months, had been plagiarized by others, notably his call for tax cuts, investment incentives, the encouragement of medium and small firms.

Asked what kind of French nationalism he represented, M Debré bridled. The British, the Germans, the Americans, were all allowed to be nationalists. But when the French did the same, they were labelled "fascist chauvinists."

There was a basic confusion between nationalism and national sentiment. When Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher took their countries' interests in hand, they were appealing to national sentiment. "There is no democracy, no freedom, without national sentiment. The nation and liberty are deeply linked. This is not nationalism, it is the affirmation of the higher values of the republic".

OVERSEAS

Mr Trudeau rejects idea of Thatcher meeting

From John Best
Ottawa, Feb 13

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, last night rejected the idea of a meeting with Mrs Margaret Thatcher to settle the growing feud between Ottawa and London over patriation of the Canadian constitution.

Mr Trudeau told a press conference that he had no personal complaints against Sir John Ford, the British High Commissioner here, who was criticized for allegedly meddling in Canadian affairs. Mr Trudeau also said he did not know of any telephone tapping at the Canadian High Commission in London.

Asked about the possibility of a meeting with Mrs Thatcher, he replied: "I don't think Mrs Thatcher has suggested such a meeting, and I haven't . . . and I think that proves that we are both pretty smart politicians."

He said Mrs Thatcher was welcome at any time but he thought it "might be unwise for her to come now and appear to be discussing something that she doesn't particularly want to discuss with me at this time.

"Therefore I don't want to lay that kind of a booby trap for her, because I like her too much", he said.

Informed that there had been a motion in the British Parliament for a debate on the issue, but that it had been rejected, he said: "So, people don't think the concern is very great. They are probably right."

The Prime Minister was similarly brief in responding to a question about tapping of *confidential information* at Canada's London diplomatic post: "I am not aware that such wire taps took place and of any methods used."

Diplomatic cables leaked to the Canadian news media earlier this week showed the High Commission was concerned that Britain and other countries were tapping its telephones to learn more about Canadian constitutional strategy.

*The results of an investiga*tion of Sir John Ford's activities, conducted by the External Affairs Department, had been transmitted to the British Foreign Office but with no "recommendations", Mr Trudeau said.

Last week Mr Edward Broadbent, the leader of the New Democratic Party, accused Sir John of "intolerable interference" in Canadian *affairs by telling a party MP* at a *social* function that the Canadian Government's constitutional plan may run into trouble at Westminster. Mr Broadbent supports the Government on the stormy issue.

In the Commons today, Mr Mark MacGuigan, the External Affairs Minister, refused Conservative opposition requests for a report on his Department's investigation, but promised to *answer questions* at Monday's sitting.

Military exercise: Armoured vehicles crossing a floating bridge built by an engineering unit during a joint military exercise of East German and Soviet troops *somewhere in the south of East Germany* yesterday. The exercises were watched by General Heinz Hoffmann, the East German Defence Minister, and General Michail Saizew, the new commander in chief of the "Group of Soviet Forces in Germany" (Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin). According to a report in *Nues Deutschland* the motorized tank and rocket units and artillery supported by the Air Force, solved all tasks "under complicated conditions". Engineers distinguished themselves when coping with river obstacles and quickly built a bridge so that other units could cross the river. At this point of the exercises the generals praised the soldiers for their performances, the newspaper reported.

Both Solidarity and new Warsaw Government need a respite

From Dessa Trevisan
Warsaw, Feb 13

The national committee of the independent trade union movement Solidarity has indicated its willingness to give the new Government of General Wojciech Jaruzelski three months of peace on the condition that it carries out its promise and that talks between the Government and the unions, which are to begin immediately, bear fruit.

The three months which the new Prime Minister asked for to bring the situation under control will give Poland not only a breathing space but provide the time for negotiations on a whole range of issues which the former Government failed to tackle to be conducted in a better atmosphere.

The national committee of Solidarity, whose chairman, Mr Lech Walesa, is expected to meet General Jaruzelski this weekend or at the beginning of next week, met yesterday to consider its strategy in the face of the refusal to legalize a trade union for farmers and the appointment of the new Government which has promised to tackle all the outstanding issues in an atmosphere of good will and continuing negotiations.

Solidarity said that while it was ready to stop strikes as the country *needed* a *time of calm* it would judge the Government on its merits. Should negotiations prove futile or fruitless the unions would press their demands by all means including the use of strikes.

The main areas where Solidarity and the authorities have not yet reached agreement are the new labour law whose draft is yet to be finalized, the new relaxed censorship law *which is still a matter of deep* divisions and controversy, and the question of access to mass media for the unions.

The new law on self-management in industry is still awaited and the question of the formation of a rural Solidarity has been formally rejected by the courts, but the peasants have not yet given up.

On one side they are told that they can form an association on the lines that farming is a private profession. Such an association could then be *registered by the administration* which means that it would fall within Government jurisdiction.

The unions, who have been waiting for the outstanding issues to be settled and who have felt that the previous government has been deliberately acting slowly, now want to see results before formally undertaking to give the Government a three-month moratorium on strikes.

This is the gist of the resolution in which the national committee of Solidarity, which embraces about 50 regional sections, agreed to talks with the Government. But the breathing space which the Government has been deliberobviously needed by the union too.

Solidarity needs time to put its own house in order, to work out its strategy and to organize *itself, particularly* as after the recent upsurge of strikes, many on purely local demands and often started without consulting the central committee, has shown the drawbacks of the organizational structure which allows regional unions considerable autonomy.

To stop what is obviously a dangerous trend regional sections have been instructed that all strikes must be approved by the national committee. If this order is disregarded the committee has said it would publicly dissociate itself from such a strike. This is the closest that the Solidarity leadership has come to recognizing that the trend of regional unions pursuing local issues was threatening to sidetrack the movement.

But Solidarity has openly voiced its concern at recent escalation of official attacks against dissidents.

The national committee of Solidarity has now come out in defence of the dissidents, accusing the Government of backing down on the commitments undertaken last summer and warning it that any reprisals against people for their political opinions would be fiercely resisted.

First contact: Mr Walesa will have his first contact with a representative of the new Polish Government tomorrow, when he meets Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the deputy Premier (Agence France-Presse reports).

At a press conference today, Mr Rakowski announced the meeting, adding that he had been chosen to meet Mr Walesa in his capacity as the head of the newly created committee for cooperating with trade unions.

Asked about the possibility that the accords signed last summer would be revised, Mr Rakowski said that the new Government was determined to "follow a policy of comprehension, understanding and dialogue with society".

General's view: General Bernard Rogers, the American Nato Supreme Commander in Europe said in Brussels today that he did not believe it would be in the West's interests for the Polish Army to resist any Soviet invasion, because the conflict could spread.—Reuter.

Polish team may be invited to union talks

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Staff

The National Union of Railwaymen is insisting that representatives of Solidarity, the *Polish trade union* organization, should be invited to an international union conference *in Belgium in May*.

The move, which may embarrass official centrally-backed *union organizations* from the Eastern block which have accepted invitations to the conference, was endorsed yesterday by the executive of the union, the biggest in the British railway industry.

The conference, which will be attended by Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, is organized by the Brussels-based International Trade Union Seminar which embraces unions affiliated both to Western and Eastern European international trade union bodies.

The NUR, which as joint host with French and Belgian trade union bodies this year, will be presenting a paper which may also be sensitive to Eastern block official unions because of its call for shorter working hours and longer holidays.

The union, which orginally backed the invitation to Solidarity pressed for its renewal at a meeting of the host unions in London earlier this month when it heard that no reply had yet been received.

An official of the NUR said last night that the official Communist Party-backed trade union organization in Poland had rejected invitations to the conference

Crash 'killed 23 Soviet admirals and generals'

Moscow, Feb 13.—Twenty-three Soviet admirals and generals, including Admiral Emil Spiridonov, commander of the Pacific fleet, were among 70 people killed in an air crash on February 7, Soviet sources said today.

There was no mention of the accident in local newspapers in Leningrad, where the officers were believed to have been taking part in a political meeting. But a representative of a Western airline said officials of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, *told him in Leningrad* about the crash and its death toll.

The funeral of Admiral Spiridonov and the other victims of the crash took place in Leningrad, *Red Star* reported yesterday.

The sources said the ILA26 crashed not far from Leningrad, where the group had flown to *take part* in the election of delegates to the twenty-sixth Communist Party Congress.

A Western military attaché was surprised that the funeral was held in Leningrad. "It's a pretty good indication the crash took place there."

Other identified dead included Vice-Admiral Vladimir Sabaneev, head of the Pacific Navy's political department and Lieutenant-General Georgy *Pavlov, head of that Navy's* air force, the Soviet press said. It identified "a group of admirals, generals, warrant officers, ensigns, sailors and civilian employees" as having died in the crash.—UPI.

Asian Americans protest over Ustinov film

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amazed at the organized protests. "If we really felt the movie was at all racist in any way we would never have made it".

He claimed the protesting groups were practising censorship and violating the company's right to free speech.

Mr Forest Gok, an organizer of the San Francisco protest, denied the censorship claim. "It's not news or public affairs, it's a money matter. We want to *show* it's bad business to promote racism".

A Los Angeles television station relented yesterday and agreed to run a commercial about the film after what the station termed Ustinov's "pidgin English" dialogue was cut out.

London-born Ustinov has taken the whole uproar with great aplomb, pointing out that although two oriental actors played Chan in some 46 films made in the 1920s no other Chinese actor has ever played the role.

Of the San Francisco protest, he said: "I think these people were *slightly* lost. Many of them looked in their mirrors and see Chinese but they aren't Chinese. They can't speak Chinese.

"I told them we were really in the same position. I'm as English as they are American, and I'm as Russian as they are Chinese. Now where does that leave us?"

Tension in Bulawayo will be a crucial test of Mr Nkomo's ability to control Zipra

From Stephen Taylor
Bulawayo, Feb 13

As Bulawayo returned to a *semblance of normality* today national army troops moved cautiously around the township of Entumbane to pick up bodies of those killed in the city's bloodiest days since it acquired its name.

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of the Patriotic Front party, speaking in the city that is his political stronghold, said today measures would be taken to move both his Zipra supporters and Zanla men from Entumbane. He added that he was "working very well" with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, to whom he was relaying all information received.

It appeared tonight that the other main trouble spot in the crisis that has gripped Zimbabwe in the past six days was also quiet. After a show of strength by air force jets and tanks in the area of the Connemara barracks between Gwelo and Que Que, dissident Zipra troops of a national army battalion were reportedly prepared to lay down their weapons.

Bulawayo has indeed been "the place of slaughter" since Tuesday when faction fighting started at Glenville army barracks and spread to Entumbane.

Casualty figures at present are mostly guesswork but in addition to about 11 who died at Glenville, up to 50 Zipra men were killed when their vehicles were hit by heavy fire when they were within the city limits, and scores more have died at Entumbane.

Mr Nkomo, who arrived here yesterday and has been meeting the Zipra commander, Lookout Masuku, told a press conference it was vital to move antagonistic Zipra and Zanla elements from thickly-populated areas.

He appealed to the former guerrillas to return to their camps in Entumbane and said that it had been decided to move them to separate temporary camps at two rifle ranges each about 20 miles from Bulawayo.

Mr Nkomo said that soldiers of the *two* battalions involved in fighting at Ntabazinduna and Glenville barracks had been disarmed and separated. Zipra elements would be quartered at Glenville and Zanla men at Ntabazinduna for a "cooling off" period after which they would be brought back into the integration process.

Mr Nkomo said that the national army battalion comprising mainly members of the former Rhodesian forces which was deployed at Entumbane had been "doing their duty as they were ordered."

Yesterday the white-led unit, still wearing insignia of the Rhodesian African Rifles, cordoned off Entumbane and poured fire into Zipra positions.

Today the battalion moved around the township, stacking bodies into vehicles. Armed Zipra and Zanla men regarded *each other with hostile suspi*cion but by this evening there had been no serious clashes.

Thousands of civilian refugees who had fled Entumbane yesterday returned to their homes this morning. In some cases homes had been reduced to rubble by mortar and rocket fire.

Radio broadcasts appealed to people to return to work and shops opened for the first time since Wednesday. The city centre, which was deserted yesterday, was again thronged with traffic.

About 120 miles north-east on the road to Salisbury, Zipra elements of the battalion that disintegrated at Connemara barracks on Tuesday were this morning dug in.

Light aircraft flew overhead using a loud hailer to appeal to the men to put down their weapons. When that had no effect a Hawker Hunter fighter buzzed the lines and tanks moved into the area. Tonight it was reported that the men were ready to surrender.

The next few days will prove a crucial test of Mr Nkomo's ability to control the former Zipra guerrillas who form the military arm of his party.

Authorities in Bulawayo and Salisbury have seized television and still film being sent out of *the country. Film taken during* the Entumbane clashes yesterday by an ITN cameraman was confiscated by customs officials in Bulawayo. The cameraman, Mr Peter Sharpe, was told today that the film would be released to him but it was not. Film being sent to German television was also seized as was still film taken by a UPI photographer.

Mr Carter 'exceeded authority'

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 13

A federal judge in Dallas, Texas, has issued a preliminary ruling that President Carter did not have the authority to release Iranian assets that were frozen when the American hostages were seized.

In the agreement that led to the hostages' release, the American Government committed itself to prevent all lawsuits by American citizens and companies against Iran.

In the Dallas case, the Texas computer millionaire, Mr H. Ross Perot, is suing Iran for breach of contract when a deal with his company, Electronic Data Systems, was cancelled after the revolution. He was awarded $19m (£8m) against Iran, and a deposit equivalent to that sum was attached in an Iranian account with the Marine Midland Bank in New York.

Under Mr Carter's executive order, signed the day before he left office last month, banks holding Iranian assets are meant to turn them over to the Federal Reserve Bank, which will dispose of them. The judge ruled that Mr Carter had no right to do anything of the sort, and that his order "suffers from serious constitutional deficiencies".

The judge, Mr Robert Porter, said that the President's order was an intrusion into the courts' sphere of competence. Much of the difficulties encountered by American negotiators in reaching an agreement with Iran turned on the question of what the President could and could not do about Iranian funds held in the United States.

The Government maintains that Mr Carter had the legal authority to do what it did, but the case was not argued before Judge Porter. The Justice Department reserved its position because President Reagan has yet to decide whether to honour his predecessor's agreements with Iran. A review of the agreements was begun shortly after Mr Reagan took office and is not yet complete.

The Iranians have appealed against the judge's ruling.

Scientists seek watch on threat from asteroids

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

There are 800 or so asteroids spinning through the solar system that could crash to *earth, and scientists feel* that an international organization should be established to monitor them.

The asteroids pose two hazards in particular. One of them plunging through the earth's atmosphere might be mistaken by a superpower as a nuclear attack, while quite apart from accidental warfare, asteroids are dangerous to earth's eco-systems.

The advisory council of the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration believes that very large asteroids could be destroyed by a spacecraft.

Proposals for a fleet of spacecraft to deflect or destroy asteroids with explosives are based more on theoretical considerations than on fears of a false nuclear alarm.

They arise from conclusions drawn from scientific research which suggests that the extinction of the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago was the consequence of a collision between the Earth and a large asteroid

OVERSEAS

Israeli and Syrian jets clash again

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem, Feb 13

The Israeli and Syrian air forces were involved in another clash over Lebanon today. Israeli pilots reported shooting down a Syrian jet in a dogfight over the centre of the country.

According to an Israeli military spokesman, the battle occurred when Syrian aircraft intercepted a patrol of Israeli jets carrying out what was described as "a routine reconnaissance flight" over Lebanon. He claimed that all the Israeli jets had returned safely to base.

The incident was the latest in a series of clashes between the Israelis and Syrians in Lebanon. There has been concern in diplomatic circles that the individual exchanges may lead to widespread fighting, but this is thought unlikely while relations between Syria and Jordan are in such a delicate state.

On December 31, Israeli aircraft returning from a bombing mission against Palestinian guerrilla targets in South Lebanon shot down two Syrian MiG 21s.

Less than two weeks before that three Syrian soldiers were killed during an Israeli ground attack on Palestinian bases. In retaliation the Syrians launched a heavy artillery bombardment against the enclave held by the Israeli-backed militias of Major Sadd Haddad.

Envoy stays: Syria has kept its ambassador in Jordan despite a deepening conflict between the two countries, Syrian sources said (Reuter reports from Beirut).

Mr Sadat hails Reagan response on Middle East peace process

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 13

President Sadat, who left France this morning at the end of a two-day visit during which he met President Giscard D'Estaing and leaders of the Jewish community, told a press conference that the European Community could help to keep up the momentum of peace started at Camp David.

He went out of his way to express his gratitude to the French President and people for the support and understanding he had met during his stay in Paris.

He had not come to sell Camp David to the Europeans, but to say to them: "Let us try to combine our efforts. Camp David is not a treaty; it is not a final agreement.

"It is a framework for agreement", President Sadat emphasized, "within which the Europeans through an initiative can help extract full autonomy for the Palestinians. The Palestine problem is the core of the solution to the Middle East problem".

The Community could play a military role in "the stationing of forces under United Nations auspices in the Sinai once it had been completely evacuated, to make every party feel secure". It could also provide economic guarantees for a regional economic plan to assist in development.

"The Ten can provide a lot in this field", he insisted. It could have a share in a guarantee of the frontiers agreed upon in the settlement, "so that everyone, both on the Arab and the Israeli side can feel secure".

The Egyptian President emphasized that the European initiative which he welcomed would not diminish what he described as "the essential role of the United States in the search for a settlement".

In an exchange of correspondence with President Reagan, he had insisted that it must continue as a full partner in the peace process if the peace talks were to be successful.

"Without the United States we could not have achieved what we have so far". Mr Reagan's response had been most favourable. Asked whether the Israelis were favourable to an European initiative, he replied he could not speak for them.

Mr Sadat spoke about the so-called "Jordanian option". "I have no objection to Jordan joining the peace talks, but at the proper moment", he said.

He had said in 1974, before the Geneva conference, that there should be a link between the Palestine State to emerge and Jordan. "Jordan has a big part to play immediately after a full autonomy agreement has been signed with Israel and the United States", he said.

The link with Jordan must be forged after the Palestinian State had been established, not before. Mr Yassir Arafat had agreed in principle to this in 1974, but had later denied it.

President Sadat went on to emphasize that it was for the Palestinians to decide their future, not for the United States, Israel, Jordan or Egypt. But he did not think the Palestine Liberation Organization on its own constituted a provisional Palestinian government.

It would be up to a provisional government in which all the Palestinian organizations would be represented to agree on a mutual and simultaneous recognition of each other's existence with Israel.

He had told the leaders of the Afghan rebellion who had come to see him not to fall into the error of the PLO and fail to set up a provisional government.

President Sadat said he had had no contacts with the PLO lately. He had not sent a message to the PLO congress in Beirut, as had been reported. "If they want something, they must come to Cairo", he emphasized, "they will be welcome. But we have nothing particular to say to them."

He repeatedly condemned Soviet sabotage of attempts to achieve a peace settlement in the Middle East. "It was decided at Camp David that we would seek to obtain a multinational force to guarantee the agreements. But when we went to the United Nations to ask for this the Russians would have nothing to do with it and threatened to use their veto."

President Giscard d'Estaing and he had discussed the world situation. The security of Europe and the security of the Middle East are closely linked, Mr Sadat insisted. The French President's and his views on developments in Chad were identical.

Aid agencies seeking food supplies for Vietnam

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok, Feb 13

International aid officials, including some United Nations agencies, are scouring the world for gifts of food and money to feed Vietnam which they say needs 750,000 tons of rice this year to avoid serious malnutrition.

Even if that amount is forthcoming Vietnam will have enough cereal to provide a monthly ration of only 13 kilograms (about 30lb) a person, significantly less than the amount required for good health.

Relief officials say Western nations which have contributed large amounts of food aid to Kampuchea since Vietnam invaded that country show no willingness now to feed the Vietnamese. Members of the Association of South-East Asian nations are similarly disinclined to help.

Thailand has cancelled all rice sales to Vietnam since its incursion into Thai territory.

The Soviet Union has warned the Hanoi Government that it can supply no food aid in 1981 because of the American grain embargo and other problems. Last year the Russians supplied 850,000 tons.

For the fourth successive year the recent rice harvest in Viet nam failed to meet the Government's target.

Two typhoons during the growing season late last year destroyed ricefields in large areas of northern Vietnam.

PARLIAMENT, February 13, 1981

Behaviour of Sandwell Council over policy on closed shop attacked as 'grossly totalitarian'

House of Lords

The local authority which dismissed Miss Joanna Harris, a poultry inspector, who refused to join a trade union, had behaved in a grossly totalitarian manner, Lord Harris of Greenwich, a former Labour minister, said during questions.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (Lab), who raised the matter, said that the policy had been imposed by Sandwell Council after Miss Harris and a number of others had become employees of the authority.

Was it true that the authority's action had been unlawful? If it was, were the Government warning that local authorities and others who might contemplate equally offensive behaviour of this character, put themselves at risk of surcharge by the district auditor?

Many people regarded the authority's behaviour as outrageous.

This young woman (he said) has been put in the position of choosing between her principles or joining a long dole queue.

If this matter cannot be resolved under existing law, there is an overwhelming demand for a change of law.

Lord Lyell, Lord-in-Waiting: The Government is reviewing union immunities in connexion with the closed shop in the Green Paper now under discussion.

All of us are aware of the sense of outrage and indignation which this has aroused, all round the country.

The matter of a surcharge against members of the council is something of a hypothesis because the question of any penalty or fine will be decided by an industrial tribunal. As far as we are aware, she has not gone to a tribunal. That is her right.

Lord Harris of High Cross (Ind): The Secretary of State for Employment wrote to Mr Norris McWhirter on February 4 and said: "It is clear that what Sandwell are proposing is unlawful under the terms of the recent Employment Act".

Will Lord Lyell repudiate the Secretary of State and explain that the Act, which passed this House regrettably without amendment of this clause, specifically licenses employers who sack employees in these circumstances, and fobs them off with the possibility of compensation if they go to an industrial tribunal.

Lord Lyell: I would not repudiate anything which the Secretary of State says. (Laughter) Far be it from me. He speaks of the Act fobbing off but it does no such thing.

It strengthens the position of the employee since, under the 1980 Act, if the employee's case is proved in the employee's favour at an industrial tribunal, he stands to gain a large sum in compensation.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) for the Opposition: Will he bear in mind that there are always people in this country who are prepared to be employed at rates of pay and under conditions of work which have been gained for the class as a whole by the trade union movement—(Lab cheers)—without at the same time accepting part of the responsibility themselves to aid in that process?

Lord Lyell: In this case Miss Harris wished to work for that authority. The terms of her contract in no way stated that she had to join a union. We believe the Employment Act strengthens her right and that of every worker.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C): The right of compensation for loss of a job is not an adequate answer in cases like this, where the employee has a job of which she is fond, where she wishes to work. If the outcome is that she is deprived of her job without adequate compensation, it will satisfy many of us of the inadequacy of the present law.

Lord Lyell: This Government and many others have recognized that no government and law can force people to work together.

Lord Harris of Greenwich: The crucial question is whether this young woman can get her job back, because compensation is not enough. The central question is that it is intolerable at a time of high unemployment that she should be put in that position by this local authority behaving in this grossly totalitarian manner. (Cheers)

Lord Lyell: We agree. It is for the industrial tribunal, which can require the employer to reinstate or re-employ. We should not prejudge it. The case will go to appeal next month.

The Wildlife and Countryside Bill's committee stage was continued and adjourned.

House adjourned ?? pm.

Pretoria 'flying arms' to Mozambique rebels

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Feb 13

A deserter from the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR), which opposes the Frelimo-run Government, has said that the organization is being supplied with South African arms.

Mr Hose Martins Gilberto, a radio operator, told a press conference in Maputo today that military supplies were being flown in from an air base in the Gazankulu homeland not far from the Mozambique border.

The claim has been denied by a South African Defence Force spokesman who said in Pretoria that "certain neighbouring states are obviously trying to influence world opinion".

However, there are growing indications that the organization may be receiving backing from South Africa after the loss of support bases in eastern Zimbabwe at independence.

During a Frelimo attack on a MNR base at Sitatonga in Manica province last August quantities of South African arms and ammunition were seized.

According to MNR supporters who were captured on that occasion the organization was supplied by South African helicopters and Nord Atlas transport aircraft which brought in weapons and ammunition as well as food. South Africans had also acted as military instructors in the camp, it was alleged.

The MNR has been a thorn in the side of the Mozambique Government for the past two years. Despite several military successes by government forces, including the capture of MNR bases at Gorongoza and Sitatonga, the organization has continued to ambush vehicles, attack government installations and blow up bridges

South Africa's attack on houses inhabited by members of the banned African National Congress (ANC) near Maputo two weeks ago has already placed a strain on South African-Mozambique relations, which until recently had been maintained on a discreetly business-like basis because of the economic interdependence between the two countries.

The new allegations may serve to reinforce Mozambican suspicions that South Africa is adopting an increasingly aggressive attitude towards its black neighbours. Mozambique officials point out that not only are the South Africans also actively supporting the Unita dissident movement in southern Angola but have been accused by Zimbabwe of training about 8,000 troops loyal to Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the former Prime Minister, as a destabilizing force in Zimbabwe.

President Samora Machel of Mozambique is to address a mass rally in Maputo tomorrow at which he will explain the "reasons and circumstances" of the South African raid against the ANC houses. He may also take the opportunity to refer to the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

President Obote declaring that the recent guerrilla attacks had failed to win their objectives.

More Uganda politicians arrested

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Feb 13

The Ugandan authorities have made more arrests of prominent politicians, including Mrs Rhoda Kalema, a former assistant minister, in the wake of the attacks on police stations and posts for which an unknown group, the Uganda Freedom Movement, has claimed responsibility.

President Milton Obote, making his first public appearance since the attacks, told reporters at Entebbe last night that the Uganda Freedom Movement's claim to control territory in western Uganda was false. "They control nothing", he said.

Nevertheless, efforts to track down the organizers of the attacks are still continuing, and it appears that the Ugandan security forces have had little real success. They have been resorting instead to looting some of the homes they have been searching in what is said to be a hunt for illegal weapons.

Kampala itself is still tense. Local residents have great difficulty in obtaining supplies of basic foods

Gaelic prospers without a Bill

House of Commons

The Gaelic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill offered a small measure of aid to one of the most ancient languages of Europe which was part of the heritage of every Scot, Mr Donald Stewart said when moving the Bill's second reading.

Mr Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat) said a public opinion survey carried out in Perth last October showed that 77 per cent of people believed Gaelic should be recognized officially as the national language of Scotland and 88 per cent wanted to see it continue as a living tongue.

The 1971 census showed there were 89,000 Gaelic speakers which was an increase of 9,000, and the first recorded increase. There had also been the phenomenal success of the series of lessons in the language on the BBC which had taken everyone by surprise.

Gaelic was a priceless heritage, which was very much alive, and which needed only the status, provided in the Bill to make the language's survival and development certain.

His Bill defined Gaelic speaking areas (the Highland region, the Western Isles Islands Council, Argyllshire and Inner Hebrides, and Perthshire) and in those areas education authorities would have a duty to teach the language in schools.

There would be a right for language to be spoken in any legal proceedings in Scotland by any party or witness and to have Gaelic versions of statutory forms. The Bill also proposed the setting up of a Gaelic Broadcasting Committee, consisting of representatives from the IBA and BBC.

He had received representations that such a committee could cut across the powers and the responsibilities of the Broadcasting Council for Scotland and it had been suggested the spirit of the Bill would be achieved if the proposed committee was advisory rather than mandatory.

If the BBC and IBA gave assurances that they would operate within the spirit of the Bill, he would lodge amendments to that effect.

Mr William Walker (Perth and East Perthshire, C) said while he was in sympathy with any attempt to improve Scotland's heritage and image, he was reluctant to introduce legislation of any kind on any matter that did not ensure funds to back it up.

Mr George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) said he did not believe in the fanatical view that this sort of culture must be imposed on those who did not wish it but he supported the Bill's modest principles.

Mr Albert McQuarrie (East Aberdeenshire, C) said the areas defined in the Bill for the promotion of Gaelic were divisive to the rest of Scotland. But it was a modest start for those who wanted the language.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East Scot Nat) said he congratulated Mr Stewart on his Bill. However, while he sympathized with wishes to apply the measure to other parts of Scotland, if they went too far too fast, the House might not accept the Bill. Then there would be no step forward.

Mr Martin O'Neil, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland (East Stirlingshire and Clackmannan, Lab) said the Opposition gave qualified support to the Bill. They would like to have on the proposed Gaelic broadcasting committee representatives of organizations which had an interest in the promotion of the language.

Mr Alexander Fletcher, Under Secretary for Scotland (Edinburgh, North, C) said the Government wanted to see the Gaelic language and culture enhanced and developed, but it did not necessarily equate support and encouragement for the language with support for the details of the Bill.

The Government had given financial and other support for the language and culture and would seek where possible to enhance their position.

The main instrument for developing Gaelic must be the strength and initiative of Gaelic speakers themselves, acting with external assistance and support where that was necessary and appropriate.

It was impossible to put a figure on the cost of the measures proposed in the Bill. The Government would rather see any money available used to strengthen the position of existing Gaelic cultural organizations.

Education authorities were best placed to decide whether and to what extent they should provide for the teaching of Gaelic, bearing in mind local needs, wishes and aspirations as expressed through locally-elected representatives.

He doubted if the imposition of a statutory requirement to set up a Gaelic Broadcasting Committee was the best way to achieve the desired purpose. He invited the BBC and IBA to consider whether they could improve arrangements by setting up a joint committee.

The Government saw no legislative impediment in the way of Gaelic and the expansion and popularity of the language over the next few years. There were encouraging signs that Gaelic was prospering.

Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) said that if the Bill went through, he would bet a small sum of money that before the year was out there would be applications from other groups seeking the same rights. British Leyland had recently been brought before a race relations tribunal only for printing job application forms in English.

Mr Robert MacLennan (Caithness and Sutherland, Lab) said the Bill in seeking to promote the interests of Gaelic speakers ran a serious risk of bringing the language into the cockpit of controversy.

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) said the House should emphasize the unity of the United Kingdom rather than those things which separated the people. The Bill was not in the wider interests of the United Kingdom or even in the narrow interests of Scotland.

Mr John Mackay (Argyll, C) said he feared that one or two people might try to disrupt courts for political ends by insisting on having Gaelic used when it was unnecessary.

Mr Tom Hooson (Brecon and Radnor, C) said it was a great mistake to force the teaching of any language, a lesson learned in Wales. Some children in his constituency were hostile towards Welsh because it had been forced on them.

Mr Gordon Wilson moved the closure of the debate. The result was 37 votes in favour and 19 against. The Deputy Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherall), ruled that since fewer than 100 MPs had voted, the matter was not decided so the debate on the Bill was adjourned.

House adjourned 3.7 pm.

Russia back on attack against US

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Feb 13

The Russians again returned to the attack today on President Reagan's charges that they were supporting international terrorism, calling the accusation "absurd", and maintaining that only ignorance or malice could couple terrorism with national liberation movements.

Pravda called the charge an "outrage" to the aspirations of millions of people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America who had struggled against colonialism for their freedom.

The paper said it was "blasphemous" to accuse the Palestinians of terrorism while ignoring Israel's "monstrous crimes" in the occupied territories, and it denounced American support for the military government in El Salvador

Meanwhile, Tass issued several more commentaries on the issue today, accusing the Americans in turn of supporting terrorism. *Izvestia* said any events Washington did not like would be automatically put down to the actions of terrorists. A Soviet weekly denied that the Russians or Cubans had ever instigated any liberation movement to take up arms: such movement had arisen only because oppressors left people no other way to freedom.

The torrent of angry denials of the terrorism charge suggests that the Americans have touched a very sensitive Soviet nerve. The Russians clearly see the assertion as a challenge to their ideology.

American protest: The United States has lodged a "strong protest" with the Soviet Foreign Ministry, claiming Soviet militiamen violated United States Embassy grounds and seized a Russian trying to get into the consular section, a spokesman said in Moscow (AP reports).

US Marine turncoat discharged

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Feb 13.—Private Robert Garwood, the American Marine convicted last week of collaborating with the Vietcong, was today ordered to be dishonourably discharged from the service, but not given a prison sentence.

The five-officer jury could have put Mr Garwood, the only American turncoat of the Vietnam war, in prison for life.

They deliberated less than an houron his sentence, which included demotion to private before his discharge.

Mr Garwood, who spent 14 years behind enemy lines, did not challenge the charges but said he was driven insane by Vietcong torture.

In a statement read to the jury by his lawyer, Mr Garwood said he accepted the accusations by former prisoners of war and agreed with defence psychiatrists that he was sick.—UPI.

Compromise plan saves Nigerian coalition

From Karan Thapar
Lagos, Feb 13

A compromise has been worked out between the two partners in Nigeria's Government after fears that the coalition might break up. According to the chairman of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP), the junior partner, the coalition accord will not be broken, despite strong pressure to the contrary, but NPP members of Parliament will be "free to vote as they wish".

The NPP chairman said: "We will not tolerate a situation in which the National Party will on its own dictate the tune to our legislators."

As it was the NPP voting against the Revenue Allocation Bill that brought the present crisis to a head, this new arrangement can be no more than an attempt at buying time. Whilst the NPP is divided on whether to continue the accord, the president's own National Party (NPN) appears to be determined to end it.

It was with this in mind that NPN senators yesterday rejected the nominations of all four NPP ambassadorial nominees. The other 22 were passed by a mere voice vote.

It is expected that this action will strengthen the hand of the anti-coalition NPP members. Commenting on the rejection of his party's nominees the NPP senate leader said: "If the NPN wants to run the Government alone we wish them the best of luck."

Corporals jailed for plotting Jamaica coup

Kingston, Feb 13.—Two corporals in the Jamaican Defence Force, Athle Swaby and Philbert Trenchfield, have been sentenced by a court martial to 10 and five years imprisonment respectively for their part in a plot to overthrow the government last year.

The prosecution said that the two corporals, together with Henry Charles Johnson, leader of the small Jamaica United Front Party, planned to capture Mr Michael Manley, the then Prime Minister, and Brigadier Robert Neish, the Defence Force Chief of Staff, last June. They allegedly planned to force Mr Manley to resign so Mr Johnson could take power. — Agence France-Presse.

Two UK moves on sugar rejected

European Parliament
Luxembourg

The Tate and Lyle cane sugar refinery in Liverpool would close in April unless there was some change in EEC policy, **Mrs Barbara Castle** (Greater Manchester, North, Soc) states.

On behalf of the Socialist group, she said that 1,500 men and women would be turned out of work. Although this was a serious matter, the closure would bring about a shortfall in the cane sugar refining capacity in the Community with no indication having been given of how this shortfall would be made good.

A resolution tabled by Mrs Castle calling on the Commission to examine urgently what help it could give to prevent this closure together with steps to ensure the maintenance of adequate sugar refining capacity in the EEC, was rejected, as was another motion from **Miss Gloria Hooper** (Liverpool, ED) calling for sugar quota reduction and urgent consideration to be given to the Lome Convention and the Community's ability to fulfil its obligations.

Mrs Castle said there was no guarantee that the amount of cane sugar imported by the United Kingdom from the ACP countries under the Lome Convention would still be absorbed. This was a problem at the door of the EEC which was solemnly pledged to take 1.3 million tons of cane sugare.

Miss Hooper said the cane sugar industry in Europe had two operating disadvantages compared to the sugar beet industry. The first was that the price cane sugar refiners must pay for their cane from the ACP was higher than that paid by sugar beet refiners for beet.

Second, the EEC in encouraging the growth of sugar beet in recent years had created a sugar surplus. This was then sold on the world market and affected world prices. This made exports unprofitable as well as making cane sugar producers think twice about a commodity subject to such market fluctuations.

Mr Andrew Pearce (Cheshire, West, ED), said, the system seemed to disregard the obligations of the Lome Convention and this was a golden opportunity for the Council and Commission to do something.

Mr Hendrik Louwes (Netherlands, LD), said the last cane refining factory in Holland closed as long ago as 1958 and it had been known for a long time that the same would have to happen at Liverpool. These were long-term developments and what they were hearing were crocodile tears from the British. He could not detect any need for Community action.

Blast damages Assam oil pipeline

From Trevor Fishlock
Delhi, Feb 13

One of two pipelines carrying oil from Assam to a Bihar refinery was damaged by an explosion today. The attack came 17 days after an oil blockade by student agitators ended.

The students were demanding that Bengali immigrants in their state should be deported, and that grievances should be redressed.

The oil blockade which lasted 13 months was a serious matter because Assam provides more than a third of India's domestic oil production.

The Government avoided confrontation with the agitators, seeking to end the trouble through talks. The restoration of oil supplies from Assam to the rest of India at the end of January marked a change in the tormented political and social atmosphere in Assam.

But the attack in central Assam on one of the 750-mile pipelines is an indication of the strength of feeling among some Assamese.

While the damaged pipeline is under repair oil is flowing through its twin.



Pakistan takes lead to prevent Afghan question being dodged

Non-aligned issue 'troops out' call to Russia

From Trevor Fishlock
Delhi, Feb 13

The movement of nations professing non-alignment tonight restored some of its corroded credibility by finally agreeing to call on the Russians to withdraw their army of occupation from Afghanistan.

The "troops out" demand from the conference of the movement's foreign ministers here, and a call for foreign forces to leave South-east Asia, including Kampuchea, seems to indicate that the non-aligned movement is steering in a new direction.

Seven years ago, President Brezhnev said in a message to the non-aligned summit in Algiers that the socialist countries were the natural allies of the non-aligned movement.

That theme was promoted strongly by Cuba at the Havana summit two years ago. But the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan has led to some disillusionment with Russia, as well as concern and anger, within the non-aligned movement.

The Russians have been watching events in Delhi this week with some anxiety. Worried about their image in the developing world after the occupation of Afghanistan, they have recently been repeating that non-aligned countries should regard the Soviet Union as an ally. The conference's declaration calling for them to withdraw from Afghanistan is plainly a blow.

Bearing in mind the diverse nature of the movement and the leanings and loyalties of members and groups, the Afghan question was bound to be the prickliest subject in non-alignment's 20-year history.

Many members were convinced that unless the conference said the Russians should call home their 85,000 soldiers, the movement would lose any claim to respect. There was a strong and impatient feeling that the Afghan question was too important to be dodged.

Pakistan took the initiative, insisting the conference should address itself to *Realpoltik* and stop being evasive. Mr Agha Shahi, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, was an impressive leader in moves urging the conference not to be ambivalent.

A "troops out" phrase was argued into the draft declaration, but in the small hours of this morning, when delegates were weary, Yemen managed to alter Afghanistan's nomenclature to Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

Delegates were too tired to notice what had happened, but there was dismay when it was realized that to describe Afghanistan in that way would be tantamount to the non-aligned movement giving recognition to the Russian-installed Kabul regime.

Only after hours of intense activity were the mischievously-inserted offending words deleted.

The conference also "reaffirmed the right of the people of Kampuchea to determine their destiny free from foreign interference.

The conference expressed "profound regret" at the war being fought between the non-aligned neighbours Iraq and Iran.

In keeping with what is a tradition of the non-aligned movement, the conference was characterized by dissonance. But eventually it haggled its way to a form of words suggesting harmony.

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Turkey tries 82

Ankara, Feb 13.—The military prosecutor demanded the death sentence for 30 of a group of 82 leftists who went on trial in a martial law court in Ankara today charged with plotting to set up a Marxist state.

Seduction and betrayal

by Ronald Steel

It began, like most seductions, with invitations and flattery, and it ended in recriminations and a feeling of betrayal.

Walter Lippmann knew that Lyndon Johnson wanted to go down in history as the true descendant of Franklin Roosevelt and the man who actually achieved the great reforms that John F. Kennedy had only promised. He encouraged Johnson in that ambition, underlining that the nation's domestic problems and been "sacrificed and grievously neglected" for a quarter of a century, and hailing the President as "a bold innovator, who is likely to succeed because he is deeply in touch with the great central mass of American sentiment and opinion". Rarely, he rejoiced a few weeks after the inauguration, had a new administration shown "such a coherent program, such insight and resourcefulness".

LBJ soaked up the compliments, but he had something on his mind besides the Great Society: Vietnam. Even while he had been assuring the American people, during the election campaign, that their "boys" should not be sent to do the job of South Vietnamese "boys", he was secretly making plans to expand the war by bombing North Vietnam. The Tonkin Gulf Resolution, approved so casually by Congress in August, 1964, provided the legal authorization in the form of a blank cheque. All the President needed was a pretext. It came soon enough, early in February, 1965, when Vietnamese communist forces attacked the base at Pleiku, killing seven Americans. Within hours the United States retaliated by bombing military sites in North Vietnam.

Another barrier had been breached, although few realized its full meaning at the time. Lippmann was among those who misread it, defending the bombing as a "test of American will". Had the administration not retaliated, he explained, the Chinese would have labelled the United States a "paper tiger", thus backing up their view that Moscow's policy of "peaceful coexistence" with the capitalists was absurd, "President Johnson profoundly desires to avoid war, but his power to do that is not unlimited nor can he be counted on not to be provoked if the provocation is continual and cumulative," Lippmann warned.

He supported the air strike on the grounds that LBJ, having now proved his manhood, could negotiate a settlement. He was sure that the Russians were pushing Hanoi toward a compromise—"The Russians have every interest in keeping the war from spreading," he told Elizabeth Farmer, "even though they will probably do things to reassure the North Vietnamese, like putting in missiles and the like, that simple-minded people here will find disturbing"—and was trying to nudge Johnson in the same direction. The retaliatory air strikes would put the United States in "a better bargaining position for a negotiation," he wrote a few days after Pleiku.

Six days later, on February 17, 1965, Lippmann went to the White House to talk with McGeorge Bundy. That very morning he had written, the column that would appear the following day, that it was time for the administration to avow openly that it sought a cease-fire and in international conference to end the war. It would be a "supreme folly" for the United States to become involved in an Asian land war, he wrote.

By suggesting it might be too late for the United States to negotiate the kind of settlement it wanted, Lippmann played into the administration's hands. Unknown to him, Pleiku was just the opening salvo of the administration's long-planned and carefully concealed "Rolling Thunder" offensive against the North. That afternoon at the White House, Bundy, giving no hint of the plan to expand the war, told Lippmann what he wanted to hear: that the President truly sought a negotiated settlement.

Even though he trustingly accepted Bundy's version of the bombing campaign, Lippmann began to suspect that his plea for negotiations was not making much of an impact. On March 1 a story appeared in the papers that Frank Church—one of the first senators to come out openly against the war—had cited Lippmann as an authority in urging a negotiated settlement. At a White House meeting for a key group of senators Johnson had, according to newspaper reports, glowered at the Idaho Democrat in his most intimidating manner and said, "Frank, the next time you want a dam in Idaho, you just go to Walter Lippmann for it."

As it turned out, LBJ had never made the remark about the dam; the journalist had heard the story secondhand and then garbled it. Johnson's only comment about Lippmann, Church told him when they met a few days later, had been respectful. Lippmann's reaction to the original story was more interesting than the story itself, for it showed, as his columns confirmed, that he was not a cynical man. Despite half a century of writing about politics, he was still shocked at the notion of trading off dams for war credits.

Johnson, disturbed by Lippmann's growing estrangement, invited him back to the White House on March 15 for lunch. The President showed him a great batch of diplomatic cables and intelligence reports, and read to Lippmann glowing accounts of American success against the Vietcong. "I don't understand why those people in Hanoi won't negotiate with me", he complained. Lippmann suggested that maybe the reason was that he had never indicated what kind of settlement he was willing to accept. "Your policy is all stick and no carrot, Mr President," Lippmann explained. "You're bombing them without offering any incentive for them to stop fighting; in effect you're giving them a choice between destruction and withdrawal." A dark cloud crossed Johnson's face. He waved his hand impatiently and changed the subject abruptly, reading Lippmann the draft of a speech he was planning to give to Congress on Negro voting rights.

Johnson, who prided himself on his ability to manipulate people, realized he wasn't getting through. Once, in a state of exasperation, he said of Lippmann: "Every time I pull my chair nearer that guy, he pulls his chair further away". He meant it as a reproach. His long years in politics had told him that every man had his vulnerable point. With Lippmann he had tried flattery, but had not made much of a dent. Now he would take a different tack: he would be the puzzled executive humbly seeking advice from the wise elder. As the servants were bringing in dessert and Lady Bird rose to leave the two men alone, LBJ turned from a frenetic monologue that had wandered from Texas county politics to the state of his digestive system, and returned to the subject of Vietnam. "Now about that peace offensive you mentioned, Walter. Tell me just what it is you have in mind."

Seizing the opportunity, Lippmann explained why he believed the Pentagon's bombing campaign would never bring Hanoi to the conference table. The North Vietnamese would suffer, but they would take whatever punishment the Americans could inflict. The only way to get them to negotiate was to outline what kind of compromise settlement the United States had in mind. A bombing campaign without a sketch for a political settlement was simply a demand for unconditional surrender. The war could go on for ever. Johnson thought a moment and then got Bundy on the phone. "Mac, I've got Walter Lippmann over here and he says we're not doing the right thing. Maybe he's right." Lippmann stayed on at the White House until four-thirty and returned to Woodley Road in an elated mood. "I made quite an impression on the President with the peace offensive idea", he told Farmer. "He asked me to think it over some more and said he'd come over and have a drink next week."

Two days later, at LBJ's request, Lippmann met Bundy for lunch at the Metropolitan Club. Lippmann elaborated his suggestion for a "peace offensive"—one that he had laid out for the public in the column he wrote that morning—and urged that the President make a declaration, something along the lines of Wilson's Fourteen Points. Since Bundy posed no objections, Lippmann felt that LBJ would soon make a major speech on the subject—one no less dramatic than Kennedy's 1963 speech calling for a re-examination of American attitudes toward the cold war. Lippmann left guardedly optimistic that the President could yet be turned around, if he could be lured away from those hawkish advisers who were pressing for a military victory.

Reports by independent journalists, made it clear that the air war was not slowing the communist advance and that the South Vietnamese were on the verge of collapse. The war was at a turning point. Johnson was under pressure to extend the bombing campaign, which had so far been a failure, to the heavily populated areas around Hanoi and Haiphong, and in addition to send as many as a third of a million American soldiers to fight the Vietcong. As a first step Johnson dispatched a contingent of marines to protect the American base at Da Nang. Lippmann stepped up his own campaign. "I think I wrote something that will get under their skins", he said to Farmer as he finished his article. "That's what I want." That is what he got. The nation, he wrote in his column, was on the brink of a vastly expanded war.

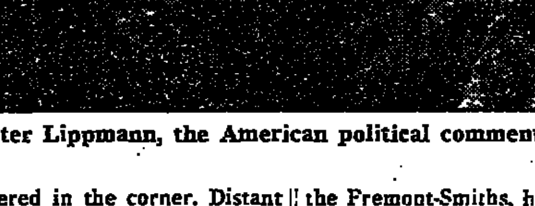
A week later, on April 6, Lippmann got a message from Bundy that the President wanted to see him that afternoon. As far as the administration was concerned, Lippmann was getting to be a bit of a problem. He was not at all sympathetic to the effort to achieve a military victory, and indeed did not seem particularly concerned whether the communists even took over South Vietnam. While he was unlikely to be won over, there was at least, Bundy thought, some hope of neutralizing him.

To disarm criticism by Lippmann and others, Johnson had had his aides prepare a speech declaring his willingness to engage in "unconditional discussions" with Hanoi about a possible peace plan. Such discussions did not, of course, commit either side to any particular course of action. Talk was cheap. But the offer might assuage those critics who maintained that the administration was intent on a military solution. Lippmann was one of those critics whom Johnson most wanted to win over. On Bundy's advice he decided to try the personal approach.

That very day Bundy had sent the President a memo suggesting that he show Lippmann an advance draft of the speech. "A part of our purpose, after all, is to plug his guns", Bundy pointed out, "and he can tell us better than anyone to what degree we have done so" The only risk was the need to be "awfully careful that the language we finally use is not harder than what he sees, and for that reason it may be better to read to him from the speech and to slide gently past the words 'unconditional discussions'." Bundy urged Johnson to ask Lippmann why he was pushing for a single Vietnam—unless that were just a way of letting the communists take over. Since he was advising negotiations, Lippmann should at least say what he expected to gain from them. Bundy also suggested that Johnson "make it clear to Lippmann that when we say we are ready to talk, we do not at all mean that we are ready for a cease-fire. The fact is that we expect our own military action to continue unless we see a prospect of a better situation in the South than we have now. Walter needs to understand this, and if he gets it straight from you, he is less likely to be objectionable about it." Lippmann, he pointed out, had a "useful tendency to think the President himself is right", even though he might believe the President's aides were wrong. Johnson would now try to make the most of that "tendency".

Dusk was just beginning to fall as Lippmann drove his car past the security guards on to the White House grounds. An aide greeted him at the door and led him to an anteroom off the Oval Office. There he found the President sitting on a raised platform. To his left a sculptor stood, moulding his bust in clay. Aides rushed in and out, bearing documents and messages. A television set





Walter Lippmann, the American political commentator (left), was duped by Lyndon Johnson (right), who, through McGeorge Bundy (centre), hoped to keep his Vietnam strategy respectable.

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flickered in the corner. Distant buzzers and telephones rang. It was the usual chaos that surrounded Lyndon Johnson.

"Ah, Walter", the President said as Lippmann entered the room. "You just make yourself comfortable on that sofa over there and we'll have a little talk." Lippmann took a seat, crossed his legs, and waited. "Walter, I'm going up to Baltimore tomorrow to give a speech", Johnson continued, "and I'm going to hold out that carrot you keep talking to me about. Now Mac here", he said, nodding towards Bundy, "is going to show you the speech, and I want to know what you think of it." Lippmann had barely got through the first page when Johnson started bellowing at him, "I'm not just going to pull up my pants and run out on Vietnam", he declared. "Don't you know the church is on fire over there and we've got to find a way out? There are four doors. Curtis LeMay wants to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong. You know how much he likes to go around bombing. Now I'm not going to do that. That's why I got him out of my government. Then there's the Wayne Morse way, which amounts to turning the place over to the communists. I'm sure as hell not going to do that. You say to negotiate, but there's nobody over there to negotiate with. So the only thing there is to do is to hang on. And that's what I'm going to do."

For an hour the President carried on his monologue. His listener shifted uneasily on the sofa. Finally he let Lippmann go off to another room to talk to Bundy about the speech. They went over the address point by point. Lippmann could not find the carrot. Johnson wanted Hanoi to lay down its arms, but offered virtually nothing in return. "This isn't going to work, Mac", Lippmann told the younger man. "It's just a disguised demand for capitulation. You've got to give the communists some incentive to negotiate." "Like what?" Bundy countered. "Like an unconditional cease-fire", Lippmann replied. Bundy thought for a moment, then said he would see what he could do. For nearly an hour they argued over the feasibility of a cease-fire and of negotiations. Finally at seven-thirty Lippmann pleaded that he was exhausted and had to go home. Bundy was reluctant to let him leave. They shook hands, and Lippmann departed, optimistic that there might be a chance for a cease-fire after all.

The next day, April 7, he flew with Helen to Boston.

That night at the home of the Fremont-Smiths, he listened to LBJ deliver his speech at Johns Hopkins University. There was something in it for everybody: hawks found grim allusions to the "deepening shadow of communist China" and the "wider pattern of aggressive purposes"; doves were heartened by a pledge to "use our power with restraint" and to engage in "unconditional discussions" with Hanoi. Yet the tone was uncompromising: "We will not be defeated. We will not grow tired. We will not withdraw, either openly or under the cloak of meaningless agreement."

Lippmann did not know quite what to make of it. Johnson spoke of negotiations, and had personally told him that the war had to be won on the non-military side. But nowhere in the speech was there mention of a cease-fire. He thought he had persuaded Bundy of the need for that. But apparently he had failed. There was nothing but the vague call for "unconditional discussions". Although Lippmann tried to be optimistic, he suspected that the administration meant to do no more than disarm its domestic critics when it offered "discussions" without indicating what kind of settlement it had in mind. On his return to Washington he lunched with Dobrynin. The Soviet ambassador confirmed Lippmann's suspicion that Hanoi would never accept such a one-sided offer to negotiate. Right after lunch he went over to the White House to see Bundy and hash out the administration's policy. Bundy insisted that LBJ was not going to expand the bombing to North Vietnam's urban centres, but also made clear that he would not negotiate so long as Saigon remained so weak. That meant, Lippmann was convinced, that the war would go on indefinitely.

For months, Lippmann had been trying to give the administration some basic foreign-policy lessons. It was folly to rush around the world trying to extinguish revolutions while neglecting America's own vital interests, he argued. What were those interests? "A primary vital interest is one in which the security and well-being of a nation are involved. Our security and well-being are not involved in Southeast Asia or Korea and never have been." Ever since the end of World War II the United States had been committed far beyond its primary vital interest and even beyond its military and political reach. "If it is said that this is isolationism, I would say yes. It is isolationism if the limitation of our power is isolationism. It is isolationism as compared with the globalism which became fashionable after the Second World War."

Lippmann explained that it was as "abnormal" for the United States to be in Saigon and Seoul as it was for the Russians to be in Berlin and Prague. The historical process was "like a geological phenomenon, like the subsiding of the earth and the return of the waters after a great upheaval." The role of the United States was to see that this readjustment came to pass decently and honourably. "The time has come", he insisted in a gibe against the globalists, "to stop beating our heads against stone walls under the illusion that we have been appointed policeman to the human race."

Lippmann's attention was focused almost entirely on Vietnam. His analysis of the war tended to shift over the years. In the 1950s he saw it as the scene of an anticolonial struggle against the French, then as a battleground of great-power manoeuvering, later as part of China's "orbit," and ultimately as an arena of a worldwide struggle against the white man's rule. But he never thought it an area of vital American interest. When the French in 1954 were on the verge of losing the war and wanted the Americans to step in, he decided it was time to cut losses. Eisenhower ultimately decided not to intervene in Indochina when the British refused to go along and the Senate balked. The problem lay dormant until 1963, when Kennedy revived it by his determination to maintain an independent, anticommunist government in the southern half of Vietnam. While Lippmann was not opposed to the effort in theory, he did not think it worth much of a price. As the costs mounted, so did his eagerness to have the United States pull out. A "mature great power" would, to paraphrase his words, spread its influence where it could do so safely and cheaply, and would also have the sense to know when the game was not worth the candle. In 1964 he thought the United States could, with Soviet help (given Moscow's fear of Peking's influence in Vietnam), negotiate its way out of the war through a face-saving formula based, as De Gaulle had suggested, on neutralization of all Southeast Asia. But with Johnson's dramatic expansion of the war in the spring of 1965—by the end of the year there would be 190,000 American troops in Vietnam—he had become pessimistic even about that.

Yet he still tried to keep his lines open to the White House. He had been careful not to criticize Johnson personally, but rather the unnamed persons who gave him "bad advice". Early in May 1965, before setting off for a month in Europe, he lunched separately with Bundy and McNamara, and reported that the President's advisers, while "not warmongers and certainly not fascists", were nonetheless "seized with a grim determination" that the United States should continue its military action until Saigon started to win the war. There was, he wrote in mid-May, after seeing Bundy, "more agreement than one might suppose" between the administration and its critics. Both assumed eventual negotiations with the communist National Liberation Front. The question was what the military balance would be at the time of the negotiations. For his own part Lippmann confessed, he saw no hope for victory, and suggested that the Americans withdraw to fortified enclaves along the coast, where they would practice a "benevolent neutrality" toward negotiations among the Vietnamese, who would work out a deal themselves."

This was hardly what the administration had in mind. It wanted to win the war, not achieve a "benevolent neutrality". But Johnson and Bundy also did not want to alienate Lippmann, so they kept assuring him that the administration would be willing to negotiate as soon as the military picture had brightened just a little. By this time Lippmann had learned not to rely on the White House or the Pentagon for a true picture of what was really happening in Vietnam. He began paying more attention to critics of the war, spent the morning before going to lunch with McNamara listening to a radio broadcast of a university "teach-in" on American policy, and went out of his way to talk to journalists who had been to Vietnam and were sceptical of United States military "progress".

Among knowledgeable Europeans there was the "strong opinion that in the personal and unilateral exercise of unlimited power, the performance has been that of amateurs, inexperienced in the use of power." This was powerful stuff for Lippmann, for it was a direct attack on the President and his immediate entourage. By the time he and Helen went to Maine on June 16, following their annual giant mint julep party on the lawn, relations between Woodley Road and the White House had cooled distinctly.

His appeals, while eloquently, even fervently, argued, fell largely on deaf ears. The President still had the majority of Congress, the public and the press behind him. Open disagreement was confined to a few Senate mugwumps, such as Church, Fulbright, Morse, George McGovern, Gaylord Nelson and Ernest Gruening; a handful of liberal magazines; and a vociferous group of street protesters.

As Lippmann's frustration mounted, so did his sympathy for all forms of opposition to the war, even street demonstrations and draft-card burnings. Although he would not identify himself publicly with the anti-war demonstrators—the constraints of civility were too strong—neither would he condemn them. If the demonstrations were "self-defeating", he wrote in October, 1965, they nonetheless were valuable as a "pathetic reminder" of what happened when a government stifled public debate on a vital issue. If the draft-card burners were "misguided", they should be viewed sympathetically, for they were citizens of a nation "which expects to understand what its government is doing, from a nation which is not habituated to obedience and to the idea that it must listen to its superiors and not talk back".

No one was in a better position than Lippmann to know the dangers of wanting to be on good terms with the powerful. He had tried to keep his distance, but even he was not immune to the lure of privileged access to the mighty. He had allowed himself to be drawn into Johnson's web, not by any bribes or rewards, but simply because he was flattered at being called in for advice, and because he thought the administration was seriously listening to him. When he discovered that the White House was merely trying to butter him up, he was hurt and angry. He could not forgive Johnson for lying about his intentions in Vietnam and using *him*. Nor, in a way more difficult to admit, could he forgive himself for being used.

"He misled me", Lippmann later said of his break with the President. "The day before making his Baltimore speech, Johnson told me that the war had to be won on the non-military side. But a short time later I found that he was telling other people other things. He was either lying to me or to the others." Lippmann never set foot in Johnson's White House again after that marathon session of April, 1965. LBJ became to him, as he said privately in a comment that soon got around, the "most disagreeable individual ever...to have occupied the White House".

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Bridge

Blackwoodsmen

Easley Blackwood has written a number of books about bridge, but it is undoubtedly his eponymous convention which has earned him world-wide recognition. Surprisingly, the bridge world's original reaction was a mixture of scorn and disinterest. The editor of the magazine to whom he submitted his manuscript returned it with a curt rejection slip, and the leading experts of the day dismissed it as a childish prop for novices. My predecessor, Edward Mayer, who disliked all conventions, invited the Portland Club to agree that the convention violated rule 23, which provides a harsh penalty for an honour card "exposed during the auction".

No doubt Mayer's submission was prompted by his mordant sense of humour. It is just as well that it was overruled, for otherwise thousands of bridge players would have been deprived of their favourite toy.

For many years, the experts obstinately refused to recognize the worth of the convention. Even those apostles of direct bidding, the Acol team, insisted on the retention of the Culbertson four-five no trump convention. Today that convention is used as frequently as wooden-shafted golf clubs.

In the modern game, over 90 per cent of all bridge players use Blackwood and over 80 per cent misapply it. The principal objection to the convention was that the Blackwood bidder became an automatic interrogator, asking questions but revealing nothing. It was a superficial objection, as we shall see.

The average player mistakenly assumes that Blackwood should be the automatic prelude to any slam. The expert will only use the convention on roughly one slam hand in three.

Never forget that Blackwood is only a good convention when harnessed to intelligent cue-bidding. Until a partnership has established that it possesses first or second round control in every suit, it is a bad mistake to introduce Blackwood. It follows that when a good player bids a conventional four no trumps, he shows that the partnership controls every suit.

Common sense reveals two other occasions where the four no trump bidder shows as well as asks. If the agreed trump suit is clubs, it is obviously unsound to use Blackwood with fewer than two aces, as a five diamond response would take the partnership too high. Similarly, if diamonds are the agreed trump suit, the four no trump bidder promises at least one ace.

It would be absurd to search for a grand slam missing an ace. So if the four no trump bidder follows with a bid of five no trumps, he promises that the partnership holds all the aces. Sometimes this knowledge will permit the responder to bid the grand slam in preference to giving his conventional response. Although most players retain five no trumps to ask for kings, there is considerable merit in the modern practice of using five no trumps as a trump enquiry.

This hand is a good test of bidding.

Rubber Bridge
Game all
Dealer West

West	East
♠ A Q 7 4	♠ K J 3
♡ Q 10 3	♡ A 8 7 6 5 4
♢ A K J 4	♢ —
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 7

West	East
2 No Trumps	3 Hearts (1)
3 Spades (2)	5 Hearts (3)

(1) Stronger than four hearts and leaving space to exchange information about controls.

(2) A cue bid. West correctly chooses to show the control which conserves the maximum bidding space. The cue bid is doubtful because for all his 21 points, West's hand is badly put together.

(3) A precipitate request to find six hearts if West's trumps are good enough. I always recommend discounting knaves in the valuation of a hand for slam purposes. East can convey the same message with greater circumspection. If he bids four clubs and West continues with four diamonds, East can follow with four hearts, still leaving West in no doubt that East is concerned about the quality of the trump suit itself.

(4) West understood the five heart bid, but as North held ♡KJ2 unhappily they were already one trick too high.

Notice that Blackwood would be a useless and cumbersome bludgeon on this delicate hand. To show the other side of the coin, here is another hand from Rubber Bridge.

Rubber Bridge
Game all
Dealer West

West	East
♠ Q 5 4	♠ K 8 3
♡ K	♡ A 8 7
♢ K 8 5 2	♢ A Q J 10 5 4
♣ K Q 9 7 6	♣ 10

West	East
1 Diamond	1 Heart
2 Clubs	3 Diamonds
4 Hearts	4 Spades
4 No Trumps	5 Clubs
5 Diamonds	6 Diamonds

East-West were playing Canapé, that is to say the second suit bid is presumed to be longer than the first. After four diamonds, four hearts, four spades, and five clubs were all cue bids. East's four no trumps was not Blackwood but a general slam try, which certainly appears to be an overstatement of West's strength. It is easy to see that Blackwood would have saved the partnership from the indignity of bidding a slam missing two aces.

I am delighted to say that North-South had no difficulty in defeating the slam. This may appear uncharitable, but the hand has a history. It was 1970; East-West were none other than Belladonna and Garozzo, Cansino and I were North-South, and we were playing a challenge match for £100 a hundred.

Jeremy Flint

Chess

Epic rivalry

In two days, envelopes containing bids for the World Championship match between the title-holder Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and his constant rival Viktor Korchnoi, once also USSR but now Switzerland, will be opened at FIDE headquarters in Amsterdam. Despite the fact that a sum of a couple of million dollars is involved it is confidently anticipated there will be a large number of bids since the contest between two such mighty opposites is of entrancing interest. On every occasion so far the issue has hung on a hair's breadth and at the last match at Baguio City in the Philippines, had not Korchnoi unwisely chosen a defence quite unsuited to his style in the last game it seems pretty certain he would have been the winner.

What a contrast there is between the young creature of the establishment, blessed by the party and cherished by a former colonel of the KGB and a defector, a valiant rebel against all the dictates of any party whether national or supernational, a contrast made all the more piquant and striking by the fact that the rebel is twice as old as the conformist!

The Korchnoi party is already quite clearly established with that excellent young band of gifted grandmasters in Michael Stean (United Kingdom) and Lev Alburt and Yasser Seirawan (both United States of America) with a fine Swiss lawyer as leader of the delegation.

Who represents the USSR is not quite so clear. Last time Karpov's seconds were Geller, Vasiukov, Tal and Saitzev and the leader of the delegation was V. D. Baturinsky.

It is known that some countries will be repeating bids they made last time. Austria, for example, will be bidding strongly for Graz and there should also be bids from the Argentine, Brazil, West Germany, The Netherlands, possibly also from the United States of America, Italy, Switzerland, and, who knows, possibly from some of the more recent FIDE members such as Libya, Algeria or any one of the oil rich nations. I suppose such a description also applies to the United Kingdom—but $2m? I wonder if we could have the Stock Exchange for about three months? I remember that we were allowed to use the Amsterdam Bourse for a great international tournament way back in 1954—but that was during vacation time.

Whoever gets the match and whatever the result I am sure it will be a fine fighting contest full of great chess and, as an illustration and possible foretaste of what might occur I give a little-known game that was won by Karpov in a training match in Leningrad, 1971. It is remarkable in that it is the only game that Karpov has ever won till now against Korchnoi's French Defence.

White: A. Karpov. Black: V. Korchnoi. French Defence.

1 P-K4 P-K3 5 KP×P KP×P
2 P-Q4 P-Q4 6 B-N5 B-Q3
3 N-Q2 P-QB4 7 P×P Q-K2 ch
4 KN-B3 N-QB3

A doubtful move; better was 7..., B×BP; 8 O-O, N-K2.

8 Q-K2 B×BP

White also gets the advantage after 8 ... Q×Q ch; 9 K×Q, B×BP; 10 N-N3, B-N3; 11 B-K3 as in the game Tal-Korchnoi, USSR Championship, 1973.

9 N-N3

More precise here is 9 N-K5.

9 ... B-N3 10 N-K5 B-Q2

A highly interesting resource; if 10 ... B-Q2; 11 N×B, K×N; 12 B-KB4, with marked advantage to White.

11 B-KB4 ... 13 ...
12 ... 14 O-O ...

Korchnoi criticises this move and suggests as better 14 ... B-K3 preparing to play 15 .., R-K1 and 16 .., N-B4.

15 ... 17 ...
16 ... 18 ...

Stronger than 18 B-Q3, Q-K6 ch; 19 Q×Q, B×Q ch; 20 K-N1, B-N5.

18 ... 21 R-B1 B×R ch
19 ... 22 ...
20 ...

Neither 22.., Q×RP; 23 R×B, K×R; 24 B-Q3 ch, K-B5; 25 Q-N4 ch, nor 22.., Q×NP; 23 R×B, K×R; 24 B-Q3 ch, K-B5; 25 Q×B ch, will do for Black.

23 R×B K×R 24 B-Q3 ch K-B5

If 24.., K-N5; 25 Q-K2 ch, K-B5; 26 Q-B1 ch, K-N5; 27 Q-R3 ch, K×P; 28 P-N3 ch, K-N4; 29 Q-B5 ch, and mates next move.

25 Q-Q6 ch Q-K4 26 Q-N4 ch

The losing move: correct was 26.., K-N6; 27 N-B1 ch, K×P; 28 Q-Q2 ch, K-R6; 29 P-B5 ch, K-N4; with a probable draw.

27 K-N4 K-B4

A better chance of resistance lay in 27 ... K-N5.

28 Q×NP K-N3

But now 28.., K-N3 fails against 29 N-Q6 dis ch.

29 B-K2 ch K-N4 31 N-B2 ch K-R7
30 P-N3 ch K-N5

Or 31..., K×P; 32 Q-B3 ch, K-R5; 33 K-N4, followed by 34 Q-R1 ch.

32 Q-R1 ch K-N8 34 Q-B3 mate.
33 N-K4 ch K-N8

Harry Golombek

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Gold for goodness

Jack Gold has had troubles with the distributors over some of his feature films. There are no such problems with Little Lord Fauntleroy.

Little Lord Fauntleroy's reappearance in the cinema may be greeted with horror by small boys whose behaviour will inevitably be compared with his and found wanting, but it should delight those who have been saddened by the demise of the family film. The third screen version of Frances Hodges Burnett's novel about an American boy who succeeds to an English title opened in London this week with Ricky Schroder as the "little lord" and Sir Alec Guinness as his coldhearted grandfather.

If Little Lord Fauntleroy seems an odd choice of project even for producer Norman Rosemont, who is known in Hollywood as the "king of the remakes", it is, on the face of it, a much more unlikely venture for the film's director Jack Gold. Gold first made his name in the 1960s as a director of television documentaries for the BBC. When he switched to making television drama, Gold brought to his work the same realism that had characterized his documentaries. He made his feature film debut in 1968 with *The Bofors Gun* and since then he has moved between television and the cinema. In 1975 he directed the enormously successful television play *The Naked Civil Servant* with John Hurt as Quentin Crisp, and among his feature film credits are *The National Health* and *Aces High*. What attracted him to doing *Little Lord Fauntleroy*?

"When Norman Rosemont first sent me the script I thought 'Oh, Lord'. I'd never read the book and I just had an image of these prissy velveteen breeches. But when I read the script, I found myself laughing and crying and being very moved by it. Sir Alec Guinness had already been cast for the film and I was terribly keen to work with him. I've always tried to do different types of films and it was a challenge for me to take an unashamedly sentimental story and see if I could make it work without it being sickly or cloying. I was aware that it was a dangerous film to make because there are obvious parallels with those Depression films of the 1930s which gave people an hour and a half of sweetness and light that bore no relation to their daily lives.

"But I have an enormous reaction to exploitative films which glorify violence and show you in a self-congratulatory way that things are just vicious and horrid. Obviously *Fauntleroy* is the other extreme and I must admit that there are things about the film that I don't like. In a way, it's a mollifying establishment film whose message is that all will be well with the world if only the people in power can be made to see goodness. I don't agree with that politically but what I hope that the film does do is to inject a litle of the milk of human kindness into whoever goes to see it, and that can't hurt."

One thing that Jack Gold can be reasonably sure of with *Little Lord Fauntleroy* is that it will not fall foul of the distributors in this country, at whose hands he has suffered in the past. *The Bofors Gun* never got a general release because it was considered to be uncommercial, and the same fate befell his 1978 feature film *The Sailor's Return* which was left to gather dust until it surfaced on television last year. It is ironic that Gold, who has always professed himself to be quite happy to work in films or television, should find his words backfiring on him so literally. And yet it is his television work that has brought him most acclaim while his films have often had a mixed critical response.

"I don't know why", he said, "I wish I did. I'm not conscious of any difference in quality but I've never made a truly successful commercial film. I suppose if *The Naked Civil Servant* had been made for the cinema it would have done well, but the ridiculous thing is that I spent nearly seven years trying to raise the money and no one was interested. One company said that they'd consider doing it if Danny La Rue played Quentin Crisp. What can you say to that? It's so difficult to get films off the ground in England, and the distribution system is absolutely diabolical. Maybe *The Sailor's Return* wouldn't have done well in the cinema but there's only one way to find out. I have tended to make things for television because it's so much easier. They may not be films, at least not what film critics call films, but they do get seen and hopefully they have an effect."

Quite what effect is something that Jack Gold speculates about. As befits a director who started his career in documentaries, he is concerned that his films should have some kind of positive impact on their audiences. But he realizes that the power of the film-maker is severely limited in this respect. "I would like to think that with all the things I've done, people who watched them have come away with a little more awareness of life around them. I don't htink you can ever do much more than that. One can only try and nudge people's awareness along the line a bit and hope to hold their attention while you're doing it. It's really a case of putting a little tabasco on the oyster."

John Preston

World of precarious deception

The Ticket-of-Leave-Man
Cottesloe
Irving Wardle

With Boucicault elbowing Broadway musicals off the stage of Her Majesty's Pinero returning to the Old Vic, and the academic presses of Britain and America pouring out tributes to the repertory of Vestris and the Bancrofts, the time has long passed for sneering at the Victorian theatre; and it goes without saying that Piers Haggard's revival of Tom Taylor's 1863 hit treats the piece with the respect it fully deserves.

History always has had a kind word for *The Ticket-of-Leave Man*; but largely on account of its modest refusal to go the whole melodramatic hog, and because it allegedly paved the way for Galsworthy's *Justice*. What the Cottesloe production shows is that Taylor has no need of such negative endorsement: and that, even in the matter of social comment, he can more than hold his own with Galsworthy.

The play tells the story of Bob Brierly, a guileless young provincial, who takes the rap for passing counterfeit money, and emerges from prison to try and reestablish himself in a world where nobody will give an ex-convict a job.

The obvious difference between this plot and those of the Edwardian generation is that where a play like *Justice* places responsibility firmly at the door of society, Taylor hangs it round the necks of the two crooks who had Brierly put away and with whom he finally settles accounts in a moonlit churchyard.

Plays inescapabaly change with time, and the Cottesloe performance certainly takes some parts of this piece less earnestly than Taylor's own actors would have done. But what it does achieve is an absolutely coherent statement to which every element contributes, rather than a thrilling tale diversified with domestic sentiment and comic relief. Addressed to the spectators of a country where citizens in business suits, workers' overalls, and punk gear regard each other as members of different animal species, it still has something to say to us.

Crime is not so much the theme of the play as the means by which it explores the world of deliberate and accidental disguise. The crooks and the police specialize in changing their looks. For the other characters those changes are thrust upon them, and it is not so easy to get the mask off.

The most conspicuous instance is Paul Copley's Brierly, first seen as a Dickensian Aguecheek, getting the DTs in a mustard yellow suit; and then transformed into the gaunt, shorn-headed spectre of Portland gaol. But alongside him there is the stage-struck Emily (Jane Carr) who makes what she thinks is a good match; then goes into theatrical silks and ringlets and supports the family by performing "sensation ballads" while refusing to acknowledge her trotter-vending husband in public as company unbefitting an artiste. The same process applies to the teenage grandson of Brierly's landlady (Keith Jayne): introduced as a smudge-faced pipe-smoking tearaway, and taking on a new identity as a juvenile masher in stove-pipe hat.

Mr Haggard plays some extremely cunning variations on the melodramatic disguises, from the first moment of their appearance amid the rockets and sparklers of Robin Don's scrupulously ornate tea-room. The villains prowl on, unobtrusive to the surrounding revellers no matter how recognizable to us. Enter the master sleuth, Hawkshaw (Michael Elphick) a vastly dignified personage who clearly buys his clothes from the leading police outfitters, and whose attempts at stealth are calculated to rivet every eye in the place.

With his slow-motion descents under the cosh, his electrified reaction to the word "coppers", and his tendency to get the handcuffs in a twist at key moments, Mr Elphick has much in common with Orton's Truscott of the Yard; which does not stop him springing one magnificently unexpected surprise when the plot really needs it.

In contrast, Jack Shepherd, as the notorious Tiger, does emerge as a man of many faces, and conveys the continuous line of genuine malignancy which the play needs; and which is reinforced by the actful tremolos and diminished sevenths from the tea-rooms trio.

As for sentiment, no doubt the dialogue between Brierly and his beloved (Rebecca Saire) falls insipidly short of the financial and underworld "spiel", but in a world of such precarious deceptions, it does carry dramatic conviction as one area where there is *no* disguise.

Radio

The voice of radio

Radio 1's wallpaper image has been changing: talk, as opposed to chat or in some cases drivel, has been creeping in—usually heavily laced with music to keep too many of the audience from straying, but talk nonetheless. Now with the addition to the repertoire of *Walters' Weekly*, which is about 'entertainment, liesure and the arts', and *Wheels*, which revolves around the nation's passionate affair with the internal combustion engine and related activities, there is a noticeable period on six days out of the seven when various levels of talk predominate. This is without including the 5-part *John Lennon* tribute which ends tomorrow.

Of *Wheels* I have only so far heard enough to register that in its field it seems to be following the words and music pattern, but *Walters' Weekly* is another matter: here the belief that to hold your audience you must never let more than ten minutes elapse without introducing some musical interlude perfectly irrelevant to the programme's subject matter seems to have retreated. There's music, yes, but generally it makes up part of the fabric: two of last week's items came from a *Desert Island Discs*, apparently done with Muhammed Ali but never broadcast and reasonably well justified by the accompanying coverage of *Raging Bull*—to which, incidentally, the producers (Chris Lycett and John Walters himself) had sent no less a critic than Alan Minter who was able to tell us on the very best authority that the much vaunted boxing scenes were a bit phoney. Other tuneful numbers, reminiscent of Steel-Eye Span, arose naturally out of an extensive discussion of *Lark Rise to Candleford*.

You may have registered the billing's order of priorities—entertainment first, leisure second, arts (a poor?) third—and decided to pass by on the other side. If so, I suggest you were mistaken: *Walters' Weekly* is about the arts as an activity which is actually entertaining and which ordinary people do in their leisure for pleasure. It is also one of those rather rare programmes which avoids altogether the suggestion that the arts are mysteries practiced only in secret places by the elect, probably at great expense and in the pursuit of dare to try our hand, will feel which you or I, if we should put down and miserable. It has achieved this so far without devaluing its subject matter for Mr Walters is an informal but not a casual and anything but a superficial guide: he raises interesting questions as he goes along. He and his coproducer have managed to make each edition flow, and cohere—there is no sense of a set time for everything and everything in its time; they even keep themes (like the amazing versatility of the saxophone) going from week to week and they even, *even* trail for other radio networks. I think *Walters' Weekly* is first class, I hope its listening figures are holding up, but if they're slightly sagging, everyone concerned can rest assured: it's the audience is to blame, not them.

Rather in the same league as this is Radio 4's *File on 4* which has almost invariably managed to make the issues of current affairs come alive in a way which *Analysis* for example does not. Returning Wednesday a week ago with *Reagan's Vietnam?*, it took a look through the eyes of David Henshaw at the messy world of Central America in the light of the United States' declaration of support for the savage regime in El Salvador. The suggestion was that in adopting such a policy toward the region as a whole, the United States was in danger of repeating what it attempted in Vietnam: shoring up crumbling and corrupt governments—probably with increasing military involvement—out of an inability to see that opposition to them could possibly be other than communist inspired, but might just possibly have something to do with the objections of the governed *to* being tyrannized. This inability ws very marked in the transitional administration spokesman whom Mr Henshaw interviewed and whose pronouncements suggested a chilling mixture of J. McCarthy and J. R. Ewing.

The Price of Victory, which has just begun on Radio 3, speaks with a rather different tone of voice from *File on 4*: here Michael Charlton presents his own analysis of the missed opportunities of Britain's diplomatic policy in the post-war years. In prospect attractive, but in the event . . .? Mr Charlton undoubtedly carries weight, his contributors so far (Sir John Colville, Lord Garner, Lord Gladwyn and others) also carry weight. Not surprisingly then the first of these eight programmes was weighty, and from one point of view this is undoubtedly what Mr Charlton's theme requires. And yet it seemed to me last Monday that if the appetite I start out with is to last the seven courses still to come, there are going to have to be some soufflés and some sorbets on the way.

David Wade



Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

PERSONAL CHOICE



Max Wall, the actor and comedian, is Michael Parkinson's guest tonight (BBC 1, 9.50)

● No matter whether you view or listen: prepare to be overwhelmed tonight. The statistics are formidable: orchestra of 130 players, choir of 400 children, two choirs of grown-ups (totals not known), and eight soloists. Plus conductor, of course. Give or take a head or two, the combined forces coalesce into the title by which Mahler's Eighth Symphony is more affectionately known—the Symphony of a Thousand. This mighty concourse is disciplined by the baton of Leonard Bernstein (BBC 2, and Radio 3, 8.05), and the whole gigantic undertaking is directed in Vienna's Konzerthaus by Humphrey Burton.

● As the weekly episodes of Hitchhikher's Guide to the Galaxy were put on days when my colleague Peter Dear edits this feature, I was unable to praise them. Nobody in their right mind imagined that Douglas Adams's creation would survive the transition from radio to screen. But it did—and triumphantly. I notice that Patrick Moore will be passing judgment on the serial in Did You See. . . . ? (BBC 2, 6.25). I am glad it is this jovial stargazer and not some stuffy galactic panjandrum who will be pronouncing on Messrs Perfect, Dent and Beeblebrox and their Swiftian time and space odyssey.

● I hope Max Wall, who is Michael Parkinson's guest tonight (BBC 1, 9.50) spends less time talking about his comedy technique than demonstrating it. As a clown, he has few equals. It is only when he shuffles out of his clown's garb and tries to fill out Hamlet's hose that I start to look at my watch.

● Sons and Lovers goes from strength to strength. Tonight's repeated part five (BBC 2, 9.35), in which Paul enjoys both Miriam and Clara, is full of marvellous details that will not quit the memory: the Sunday church bells as Clara's train pulls into the station, the scrabblers on the coaltip, the vicarious pleasure on the watching factory girl's face as Paul gets a birthday kiss from the kindly hunchback.

● If you have bestirred yourself early this morning, Radio 3 will reward you. There is Act 1 of Verdi's Falstaff (10.15) with Giuseppe Taddei as Sir John and Christa Ludwig and Raina Kabaivanska as the Mistresses Quickly and Ford. . . . The Viking longboats have long since pulled away from the British Museum, but the exhibition's boost of our interest in Norsemen was probably strong enough to ensure that non-Mahlerians will listen to Donald Campbell's play The Last Viking, the story of the warrior Sweyn Asliefsson (Radio 4, 8.30).

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: †STEREO; *BLACK AND WHITE; (r) REPEAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

7.40 am Open University. Great Britain, 1750-1950. Closedown at 8.30.
9.05 Swim: lesson one. For beginners (r). 9.30 Multi-Coloured Swap Shop: all children's tastes are catered for in this breezy show; 12.12 Weather.
12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20 Football focus; 12.50 Show Jumping, from Park Farm Arena, Northwood (the Lancia Trophy); 1.10 and 2.50 World Cup Ski-ing, from Are, Sweden: the men's giant slalom; Racing from Newbury at 1.30, 2.0, 2.40 (Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle), and 3.10 (Compton Steeplechase); Indoor Bowls (John Player Classic) at 1.40, 2.10 and 4.05; Rugby League: Hull KR v Barrow in the first round of the league's Three Fives Challenge Cup at 3.20; Final Score at 4.40.
5.10 Doctor Who: Part 3 of The Keeper of Traken; 5.35 News: with Jan Leeming; 5.45 Sports round-up.
5.50 The Dukes of Hazzard: The Dukes' rich cousins are robbed, and Boss Hogg intends to benefit from their misfortune; 6.35 Jim'll Fix It: Mr Savile arranges for (among other things) a boy to meet Geoff Boycott and for assorted brothers and sisters to go on a ghost-train ride.
7.10 Nanny: Goats and Tigers. Wendy Craig tries to unravel the mystery that surrounds the two children for whom she has to care. They exclude her from their secret world. With Joan Hickson and Samuel West; 8.05 The Best of Variety: A feast of impersonations, all of them seen before; 8.45 News: with Jan Leeming. And sports round-up.
9.00 Dallas: Larry Hagman (JR) directs this week's episode in which he decides to re-establish his power even if it means breaking the law; 9.50 Michael Parkinson meets Max Wall: the title says it all (See Personal Choice).
10.50 Film: Operation Daybreak (1975). Fictionalized account of the assassination by Free Czechoslovakians of the Nazi "protector", Reinhard Heydrich (Anton Diffring). With Timothy Bottoms, Martin Shaw, Nicola Pagett. From Alan Burgess's book. Director: Lewis Gilbert. Ends at 12.45.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: BBC Cymru/Wales: 5.45 pm-5.50 Sports News Wales; 12.45 am News for Wales; Close. Scotland: 5.45 pm-5.50 Scoreboard (1). 12.45 am News for Scotland; Close. Northern Ireland: 5.00-5.10 Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50 Northern Ireland News. 12.45 am News for Northern Ireland; Close. England: 5.45 pm-5.50 (South-West only) Saturday Spotlight. 12.50 am Close.

BBC 2

8.05 am Open University. Chemistry and geology; 8.30 Maths course; 8.55 Education: Introduction; 9.20 Instrumentation; 9.45 [illegible]; 10.10 Imperial Parts; 10.35 Home energy; 11.00 [illegible] Control systems; 12.15 [illegible]; 1.05 Before Einstein; 1.30 [illegible]. Closedown at 2.40.
2.55 Film: Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (1938) Delightful tale of a little girl (Shirley Temple) who becomes the star of a radio show. With Randolph Scott, Jack Haley*; 4.15 Play Away: Fast-moving musical entertainment, with Brian Cant, Nerys Hughes and company; 4.40 The Sky at Night: Patrick Moore talks about the Orion nebula to fellow astronomer Dr John Beckman (r).
5.00 Film: My Friend Flicka (1943) Very sentimental tale of a young lad (Roddy McDowall) and his temperamental colt. With Preston Foster, Rita Johnson. Colour and black and white.
6.25 Did You See . . . ? Television reviews. Patrick Moore, Julie Welch and Alan Plater discuss David Leland's play Beloved Enemy, Granada TV's documentary on Manchester City, and The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (see Personal Choice).
7.00 News. And sports round-up; 7.15 Rugby Special: Gala are the reigning Scottish champions, and they play Hawick who have three Scottish internationals in their team.
8.05 Symphony of a Thousand: Mahler's gigantic Symphony No 8 was recorded in Vienna, with Leonard Bernstein conducting the Vienna Phil, the Vienna Boys' Choir, two other choirs, and eight soloists. Also on Radio 3, in stereo (see Personal Choice).
9.35 Sons and Lovers: second screening of episode 5 of this serialization of the D. H. Lawrence novel (see Personal Choice);
10.30 Arena: I Talk About Me—I am Africa. Secretly shot film of a black theatre in South Africa. The passion that animates it is the spirit of defiance (r); 11.25 News; 11.30 The Old Grey Whistle Test: With Maggie Bell, Midnight Flyer and Michael Des Barres; 12.10 The Outer Limits: The Chameleon. Earthly crisis over an alien spaceship, thought to be carrying fissionable material, which crashlands. With Robert Duvall.* Ends at 1.05.

London Weekend

8.35 am Sesame Street: easy learning for children. With The Muppets; 9.35 Chopper Squad: Three related sea and air rescue stories, filmed in Australia; 10.30 Tiswas: Noisy and highly excited (and, presumably, exciting) show for children.
12.30 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.35 On The Ball (football round-up); 1.00 Drag Racing (the US Winternationals, from Pomona, California); 1.15 News; 1.20 Racing. We see (from Wolverhampton), the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00; and (from Catterick), the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45; Table Tennis (the Norwich Union English Championships, from Gillingham) at 3.10; Half-time results at 3.50; Wrestling, from Aylesbury, at 4.00; Results service at 4.50.
5.05 Punchlines! Quiz game. The celebrity contestants are Jill Gascoine, who appeared in The Gentle Touch, and Frank Windsor; 5.35 News from ITN.
5.40 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: Part one of a two-part story. A peaceful planet is threatened by a woman dictator (Julie Newmar); 6.35 3*2*1: Quiz game which this week derives its comic inspiration from the film Casablanca. With Bogart's "double"—Kenny Whymark.
7.35 Film: Doctor in Clover (1966) Medical comedy, based on Richard Gordon's book. A new doctor (Leslie Phillips) is being trained by the cyclonic Sir Lancelot Spratt (James Robertson Justice). With Shirley Anne Field.
9.15 The Professionals: A laser-beam rifle, which Doyle (Martin Shaw) is holding for testing, is stolen, and an old friend is after his blood; 10.15 News from ITN.
10.30 The Big Match: Football news and highlights from three of the day's FA Cup matches. With Brian Moore and Jim Rosenthal.
11.30 Duets for Piano and Voice: Entertainment from Tony Hatch and Jackie Trent. Produced by RTE in Dublin; 12.35 Close. Jeremy Lloyd reads one of his poems about animals.

FILMS ON TELEVISION

by Nicholas Wapshott

Ralph Nelson is best known for the blood and guts of Soldier Blue, which in its time broke new thresholds of goriness and surgical authenticity where cowboy wounds were concerned. It is reassuring, then, to see that he was capable also of Father Goose (tomorrow BBC 1, 7.15 pm), a thoroughly charming adventure in which Cary Grant becomes enraptured by Leslie Caron on a South Sea island during the last war.

What the season of British pictures on Sunday nights proves is that during the sixties our film makers were in their own world of fantasy, encouraged by the myth that London had become fashionable through the Beatles and Carnaby Street. Dick Lester's The Bed Sitting Room (tomorrow, BBC 2, 10.50 pm) is a good example of their indulgence.

It is an embarrassing period piece now, showing how shallow the British sixties' revelations were. Among the lines of British actors seduced by the style were Michael Hordern, Ralph Richardson, Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Arthur Lowe, Spike Milligan and almost anyone who was anybody in those days, mouthing a script from a play by Milligan and John Antrobus.

The sixties wear less well at the moment—they will, no doubt, have their time—than a cheap musical like Dreaming (Thursday, BBC 2, 6.35 pm), an unashamed vehicle for Bud Flanagan and Chesney Allen, from the Crazy Gang, in which they sing, among other favourites, the title song and "Underneath the Arches". Made in 1944, it encourages nostalgia for those austere wartime days.

Among the American films, Shirley Temple, before she was a Republican, is Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (today, BBC 2, 2.55 pm) in Allan Dwan's sentimental story of a wireless star being born. And the purpose of River of No Return (Tuesday, BBC 2, 7 pm) seems to be simply to package Marilyn Monroe with Robert Mitchum. Otto Preminger gives one of his few memorable pictures, thanks to the cast and the Canadian Rockies.

Two films of interest merely as literary footnotes are Operation Daybreak (tonight, BBC 1, 10.50 pm), about the assassination of the Czech Quisling, Reinhard Heydrich, cast with no imagination as Anton Diffring, which was scripted by Ronald Harwood from Alan Burgess's novel, and Mr Forbush and the Penguins (Wednesday, BBC 1, 7.20 pm), an achingly British title which disguises an Antarctic love story with Hayley Mills and John Hurt, directed by Al Viola from a script by Anthony Shaffer, the writer of Sleuth.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am Morning Has Broken.
6.25 Shipping forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.10 On Your Farm.
7.40 Today's Papers.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sport on 4.
8.45 Today's Papers.
8.50 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm Money Box.
12.27 The News Quiz.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions ?
2.00 News.
2.05 Wildlife.
2.30 The Good Soldier Svejk (5).†
3.25 Medicine Now.
3.55 When Men and Mountains Meet (1).
4.40 Profile.
5.00 A Home of Their Own.
5.25 Week Ending.†
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs.†
6.55 Stop the Week.
7.35 Baker's Dozen.†
8.30 Play: The Last Viking, by Donald Campbell.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Edinburgh Festival Writers.
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness.
11.15 Instant Sunshine.†
11.45 The Armchair Traveller.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.
VHF
3.25 pm-6.00 Open University: Music Interlude; Gossamer Condor; The Digital Computer; Music Interlude; The Best Laid Plans; Music Interlude; Science and Belief.

Radio 3

7.55 am Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade Records: Wolf, Glinka, Milhaud.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release. Verdi.†
11.00 Robert Mayer Concert: Dvorak, Prokofiev, Haydn, Kodaly.†
12.15 pm Brass band: Adrian Cruft.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Early Music Forum.†
2.00 Music Interlude.
2.25 Test Match Special.
5.00 Jazz Records Requests.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Organ: Messiaen.†
8.05 Mahler's Eighth Symphony (simultaneous broadcast with BBC 2).†
9.35 The Living Poet: Basil Bunting.
10.10 Piano: Elliott Carter and Fauré.†
10.55 In a Nutshell (2) "New York, New York".
11.00 News.
11.05 Nadia Boulanger Ensemble. Monteverdi.
11.15-11.30 Test Match.
VHF—with mf above except
5.55 am-7.55 Open University: What is Design? Music Interlude; Consumer Decisions; Music Interlude.
2.00 pm-5.00 Play it Again.†

Leonard Bernstein Radio 3 and BBC 2, 8.05

Radio 2

5.00 am Tom Edwards.† 8.06 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Pete Murray.† 12.00 The Magic of Stanley Black.† 1.00 pm A Very Private Man. 1.30 Sport: FA Cup; Cricket; Newbury Racing; Sports Report. 6.00 European Pop Jury. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Saturday Night is Gala Night. 10.00 The Mitchell Minstrels.† 10.30 Band Parade! 11.10 Peter Marshall.† 2.00 am-6.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.03 Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Steve Wright. 1.00 pm Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walters' Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.
VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1. 7.30-6.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):

6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Come Here. 8.30 David Jacobs' Album Time. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Science in Action. 10.15 About Britain. 10.30 Aspects of the Blues. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 News Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 Time Off. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 pm Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Come Here. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Country Style 2.00 David Jacobs' Album Time. 2.30 Play it My Way. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 5.00 News Summary. 5.02 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 People and Politics. 9.15 The Book Programme. 9.45 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Theatre Call. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Round-up. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Jazz for the Asking. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 People and Politics. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Time Off 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS: Radio 1 medium wave 275m/1089kHz or 285m/1053kHz. Radio 2 med wave 330m/909kHz or 433m/693kHz and 88-91 VHF. Radio 3 med wave 247m/1215kHz and 90-92.5 VHF. Radio 4 long wave 1500m/200kHz and 92-95 VHF. Greater London area only; med wave 720kHz/417m. LBC 261m, 97.3 VHF, Capital 194m, 95.8 VHF. World Service: med wave 648kHz (463m). BBC Radio London 206m, 94.9 VHF.

REGIONAL TV

ATV

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Simply Sewing. 9.35 As Good as New. 10.00-10.30 Fantastic Four. 7.35 pm-9.15 Film: Carry on Abroad (Sidney James, Kenneth Williams). 10.30 Star Soccer. 11.30-12.30 am Liberace's Valentine Night Special.

Granada

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Doctor! 9.40 As Good as New. 10.05-10.30 Bailey's Bird. 7.35 pm-9.15 Film: Fer-de-Lance (David Janssen). 10.30 Match Night. 11.35 Lou Grant. 12.30 am-1.30 Blood, Sweat and Tears.

Westward

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Adventures of Niko. 9.55 Look and See. 10.00 Fangface. 10.25-10.30 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.27 pm-12.30 News. 5.42 Scoreline. 5.44-6.35 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 7.35 News. 7.37 Film: Doctor in Clover. 11.30 Liberace's Valentine Special. 12.25 am-12.30 Faith for Life.

Scottish

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Simply Sewing. 9.35 As Good as New. 10.05-10.30 New Fred and Barney Show. 7.35 pm-9.15 Film: One of My Wives is Missing (James Franciscus, Jack Klugman). 10.30 Scotsport. 11.30 Liberace's Valentine Special. 12.30 am-12.35 Late Call.

HTV

As London except: Starts 9.10 am As Good as New. 9.35 Doctor! 10.00 Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 10.05-10.30 Spiderman. 5.39 pm-5.40 News. 7.35-9.15 Film: Catlow (Yul Brynner, Richard Crenna). 11.28 Sport. 11.30-12.30 am Hagen.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV West except: 5.05 pm-5.35 Sion a Sian.

Tyne Tees

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Saturday Shake Up. 9.05 BJ and the Bear. 9.50 Shake Up. 9.52 Walt Disney Classics. 10.10 Shake Up. 10.20 Film: Kit Carson* (Dana Andrews, Jon Hall). 12.00-12.30 pm Shake Up. 10.30 Shoot! 11.30 Liberace's Valentine Night Special. 12.30 am-12.35 Three's Company.

Ulster

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Doctor! 9.40 As Good as New. 10.05 Fangface. 10.25 Sesame Street. 11.25 Larry the Lamb. 11.35-12.30 pm Tarzan. 5.39-5.40 News. 11.30-11.40 Bedtime.

Channel

As London except: Starts 12.30 pm World of Sport. 5.44 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.48-6.35 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 11.30-12.25 am Liberace's Valentine Special.

Border

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Simply Sewing. 9.35 As Good as New. 10.00-10.30 Fangface. 10.30 pm Shoot! 11.30-12.00 Bullin's Grand Masters Darts Championship.

Grampian

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Simply Sewing. 9.35-10.30 Sesame Street. 7.35 pm-9.15 Film: Escape from Bogen County (Jaclyn Smith, Mitchell Ryan). 10.30 Scotsport. 11.30 Reflections. 11.35-12.30 am Barella.

Anglia

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Kum Kum. 9.45 Lost Islands. 10.10-10.30 Rocket Robin Hood. 10.30 pm Match of the Week. 11.30 Liberace's Valentine Night Special. 12.30 am At the End of the Day.

Southern

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Clapperboard. 11.30 pm News. 11.35 Lou Grant. 12.30 am Weather followed by Recovery of Health.

Yorkshire

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Simply Sewing. 9.25 Spiderman. 9.40-10.30 3-2-Robert. 10.30 pm Big Game. 11.30-12.30 am SWAT.

Sunday's programmes



Tracey Childs (right) as Marianne Dashwood and Irene Richard as her sister Elinor in part 3 of Sense and Sensibility (BBC 1, 5.25)

●I heartily commend Elizabeth Sussex's film 20th Century Treasure Trove (BBC 2, 9.40) to anyone who groans when he hears the word conservation. This is a vivid, living past that is being preserved; none of your dead wood and crumbling brickwork. It is a documentary, essay-like in its imaginative conception, of Britain's National Film Archive, the repository where dedicated-looking people in white coats ensure that cans filled with fact and fantasy will survive for ever in a temperature that is never permitted to change. There are film clips galore and cruel footage of rotting celluloid. There is also some ponderous narration from Colin Douglas.

●"I don't think I've ever been in a room with a man who knows Russians", says the impressed widow to the journalist who is on the phone to an old chum working at the Soviet embassy. It is with felicitous lines like this that Anthony Skene's two-part thriller Blunt Instrument (ITV, 9.00) reaches its conclusion tonight. I thought last week's episode was only so-so, though I was full of admiration for Edward Woodward's portrait of a slowly disintegrating man. Tonight, the drama goes into top gear, the denouement is startling, the suspense Hitchcockian, and Mr Wood's total atomization is very nasty.

●Faith to Live, the Credo film (ITV, 6.10) is about faith healing, though only initially about faith healers (life returns to a woman's dead arm after the Pope holds her hand; a lifeless leg is reanimated after a healing session). The other kind of faith healing so movingly explored in the film is the one which depends on the sufferer's own will to live, what the film calls a fighting state of mind. Clever medical men part-explain the healing process by talking about cortisone, tumour-resisting hormones and endorphins. But they also add faith, which turns this into an uplifting and optimistic half-hour.

●The new Radio 3 series Soviet Life through Official Literature (5.30) is not as forbidding as it sounds. For one thing, the presenter Mary Seton-Watson, of the BBC's Russian service, marshals her arguments with care and places her illustrations with skill. For another, she is fortunate in her choice of readers, Gwen Watford and Benjamin Withrow. Today, she talks about young people in modern Soviet fiction. How heartening to learn that so many of them cast off the grey bridle of idealogical conformity . . . Also recommended today: the first of a new series called The Irving Inheritance (Radio 3, 7.30), in which Laurence Irving, grandson of Henry, talks about the Very Grand Actor; and the LSO's performance of Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex (Radio 3, 8.30).

TELEVISION

BBC 1

7.40 am Open University. Seeing the future; 8.05 Handicapped in the community. Closedown at 8.30.
9.00 Heads and Tails: Where's the Farmer's Wife? (r). 9.15 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan: for Asian viewers. 9.45 Your Own Business: Joint Effort (r).
10.10 I See What You Mean: For, and about, those with impaired hearing. With Richard Baker, Polly Elwes. 10.35 Write Away: Filling in car insurance forms (r). 10.45 Let's Go: Help for the mentally handicapped (r). 11.00 Your Move: Reading and writing hints (r); 11.25 Kontakte: German lesson. Haben Sie ein Hobby? (r). 11.50 Wainright's Law: Death in the Family.
12.15 pm This is the Day: Live broadcast of worship. The theme is "words" and the preacher is the BBC's Gerald Priestland. 1.00 Farming. 1.25 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way: Advance, Stand, Sit, and Down (r). 1.50 News.
1.55 Bonanza: venerable western series. The Last Vote. 2.45 Bugs Bunny: cartoon. Shishka Bugs.
2.50 Crufts: Two days with the top dogs, at Earls Court. With Stanley Dangerfield.
3.35 Young Scientists of the Year 1981: The final. Will it be Loughborough Grammar, Yeovil College, Bellshill Academy Strathclyde, or St Fanchea's Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh? 4.15 Match of the Day: Action from three matches in the fifth round of the FA Cup.
5.25 Sense and Sensibility: Episode 3 of Alexander Baron's adaptation of Jane Austen's book. 5.55 News: with Richard Baker.
6.05 Holiday. Take your pick from the Algarve, B&B in the Trossachs, and the Boughs' Italy. 6.40 Songs of Praise: from Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church, Abingdon.
7.15 Film: Father Goose (1964) Romantic comedy in which Cary Grant plays a beachcomber who becomes a naval undercover agent. With Leslie Caron, Trevor Howard. Director: Ralph Nelson.
9.10 Solo: Last in the series. Gemma (Felicity Kendall) re-admits Danny (Stephen Moore) to her life. 9.40 That's Life: Esther Rantzen and Co, with jokes and investigations. 10.20 News.
10.30 Everyman: We Believe . . . ? The written authority of the Church is examined by Professor Hans Kung and Father Edward Schillebeeckx. They have both been dubbed heretics.
11.05 Sixteen Up: The young people of Sunderland discuss their job prospects.
11.30 Sergeant Bilko: Phil Silvers as the immortal sergeant in the veteran American comedy series.*
11.55 Weather.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: BBC Cymru/Wales: 8.30 am-9.45 Open University. 1.25 pm-1.50 Dechrau Siarad. 2.25-4.15 Sports Line-up. 6.40-7.15 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 11.05-11.35 Tro'r Dail. 11.35-12.00 16 Up. 12.00 midnight News for Wales; Close. SCOTLAND: 1.00pm-1.25 Landward. 4.15-5.25 Sportscene. 6.40-7.15 A Bridge of Hymns. 10.30-11.00 Spectrum. 11.00-11.35 We'll Go Where the Music Takes Us. 11.35-12.10 am Everyman: Grandmother's Footsteps. 12.10 News for Scotland; Close. NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.55 pm News for Northern Ireland; Close. ENGLAND 12.00 midnight Close.

BBC 2

7.40 am Open University: Technology—Facts are Not Enough. 8.5 Psychosexual Differences (1). 8.30 Beginning M101. 8.55 Unemployment. 9.20 X-Ray Diffraction. 9.45 Technology for Teachers. 10.10 Symbols and Equations. 10.35 Childhood. 5.10 Starting School. 11.0 The Pre-School Child — Going Shopping. 11.25 Consumer Decisions. 11.50 Health Choices. 12.15 pm Creating the System. 12.40 Perceiving a Wilderness. 1.5 Age of Oceanography. 1.55 "Women Beware Women": An Insight into 17th Century Society. 3.10 An Architect at Work. 3.35 Solids, Liquids and Gases. 4.0 Beginning Reading. 4.25 Imagery and Imagism. 4.50 Beginning Evaluation. Interval at 5.15.
5.25 Ireland: A Television History. Part 11. Freedom. Eamon de Valera comes to power, Eire stays neutral in the war and, in 1949, becomes the Republic of Ireland (r); 6.15 News Review: Highlights of the week, with sub-titles and Jan Leeming.
6.40 The Money Programme: Cell, Cell, Cell. An examination of the new growth industry of genetic engineering, on the eve of publication of a White Paper on the subject; 7.15 The World About Us: Colonel Culpeper's Flying Circus: Film about the 100 bombers and fighters from the last war which make up the world's strangest air force. They are ready for the scramble that will never come. Filmed in Texas, where the aircraft are based; 8.05 News; 8.10 Ski Sunday: World Cup action from Are in Sweden. The Men's Slalom.
International Pro-Celebrity Golf: New series begins. Christopher Lee and Glen Campbell partner Lee Trevino and Fuzzy Zoeller over nine holes at Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland.
9.40 20th Century Treasure Trove: The never-ending battle to protect the priceless films in Britain's National Film Archive is described in Elizabeth Sussex's film for The Lively Arts (see Personal Choice).
10.50 Film: The Bed Sitting Room (1969) Richard Lester's film of Spike Milligan's and John Antrobus's black comedy about a post nuclear holocaust world stars Milligan, Rita Tushingham, Dudley Moore, Ralph Richardson (in the title role), Peter Cooke and too many others to list. Unforgettable, in a way. Ends at 12.25.

London Weekend

9.05 am Simply Sewing: How to make a pinafore dress. 9.30 Doctor! Decaying teeth, and what to do about them(r).
10.00 Morning Worship: From St Benet's RC Church, Beccles, Somerset. 11.00 Good as New: How to strip wood before re-using it. 11.30 Mork and Mindy: Comedy about an extraterrestial being and his earthly girlfriend.
12.00 Weekend World: Poland—is a Soviet invasion inevitable? With Brian Walden.
1.00 pm Old Times: Alistair Hetherington's series for the elderly. Compulsory retirement is today's theme. Includes interviews with management and staff of a London company.
1.30 University Challenge: Quiz, chaired by Bamber Gascoigne. 2.00 Skin: An investigation into the January 18 fire at Deptford in which 12 young people lost their lives. Fifty detectives are involved in the inquiry. 2.30 Cartoon. 2.45 Police Five: How the viewer can help Scotland Yard.
3.00 Survival: Dinka. The unhealthy area of the southern Sudan where only the Dinka people survive. Edward Woodward is the narrator. 3.30 Doctor Down Under: Comedy, filmed in Australia. Why the fancy-dress party must wait.
4.00 Barriers: Serial about an adopted boy and his search for his real parents. With Benedict Taylor. 4.30 Chips: California Highway Patrol comedy.
5.30 The Muppet Show: Buddy Rich, the American drummer, is the human guest.
6.00 News, from ITN. 6.10 Credo: Faith to Live. Patients describe how they have benefited from faith healing, and a cancer doctor and a professor of geriatric research are interviewed (see Personal Choice). 6.40 Appeal: An appeal by Jessica Benton on behalf of the Cheyne Centre for Spastic Children.
6.45 Your 100 Best Hymns: Derek Batey introduces a programme of favourite hymns. 7.15 A Sharp Intake of Breath: Comedy series. Why is the next-door neighbour behaving so oddly? With David Jason.
7.45 A Man Called Sloan: Insects threaten a nation's food supplies. With Robert Conrad. 8.45 News from ITN.
9.00 Saturday Night Thriller: Blunt Instrument. Final part of this drama about a man (Edward Woodward) tormented by the half-memory of a fatal car crash. With Katherine Blake, Nigel Patrick, John Carson. (See Personal Choice.)
10.00 Agony: A dilemma over whether the new baby should be a Jew or a Christian. With Maureen Lipman, Maria Charles, Simon Williams.
10.30 The South Bank Show: Poetry Workshop. Announcement of the winer of the 1980 Arvon Foundation Poetry Competition which attracted more than 35,000 entries. There are 25 other prize-winners. 11.30 Star Parade: James Last is the MC in this musical show. His guests include John Denver and the Ritchie Family. 12.30 pm Close. Jeremy Lloyd reads one of his animal poems.

Edward Woodward: Blunt Instrument (ITV, 9.00)

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am Morning Has Broken.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
8.55 Weather.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Weekend Woman's Hour.
12.00 Smash of the Day.
12.30 p.m. The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play: Brainwash, by John Wainwright.†
4.00 News.
4.02 Talking about Antiques.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 Feedback.
5.15 Down Your Way.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 The Usual Channels.
7.00 Does He Take Sugar?
7.30 The Irving Inheritance.†
8.00 In Praise of God.†
8.45 Old Lucania.
9.00 News.
9.05 Bookshelf.
9.35 Pen to Paper.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic.
11.00 The Way of the Mystic (4).
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.
VHF
7.15 am-8.55 Open University: Great Britain 1750-1950; Religion as a Universal Phenomenon; Introduction to Sociology; Values and Beliefs; Philosophical Approaches to Gerontology.
4.00 pm-6.00 Study on 4: Teaching English as a Second Language (6); Kontakte (17); Digamel; Punti di vista (16).

Radio 3

7.55 am Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Schumann.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Records: Arne, Thomas, Chopin, Sibelius.
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 Erich Kleiber concert: Mozart, Beethoven.
12.10 pm Words.
12.15 Violin and piano: Ysaye, Busoni.
1.00 Book, Music and Lyrics, early George Gershwin.†
1.45 Recital: Rubbra.†
2.25 Test Match Special.
4.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra, part 2: Brahms.† (part 1 on VHF only.)
5.30 Soviet Literature through Official Literature.
6.15 Harpsichord: L. Couperin, Rameau, F. Couperin.†
7.10 One Pair of Ears.
7.30 Stravinsky live from Festival Hall, part 1.†
8.10 Talk: Aspects of St Joan, by Marina Warner.
8.30 Stravinsky, part 2.†
9.30 Comic Cuts, a black comedy for radio by Elizabeth Troop.†
10.15 Recorders and Lute: 16th and 17th-century English music.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Record: Haydn.
11.15-11.30 Test Match review.
VHF
6.55-7.55 am Open University: Theories of Art: Plato; Measuring Unemployment; The First Years of Life—Baby Talk.
2.25-4.30 pm London Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.15-11.45 Open University: 'Silence', by Pinter.

Radio 2

6.00 am Sam on Sunday.† 7.00 Nick Page.† 8.00 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Pete Murray.† 1.27 pm The Choice is Yours. 1.30 Castle's on the Air.† 2.00 Benny Green.† 3.00 Alan Dell.† 4.00 Country Style. 4.30 Sing Something Simple. 5.00 Two's Best. 6.00 Charlie Chester. 7.00 Treble Chance. 7.30 Marching and Waltzing. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00 Tony's.† 10.30 Fiesta!† 11.05 Peter Marshall.† 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

8.00 am Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Noel Edmonds. 1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.02 Studio B15. 4.00 John Lennon 1940-1980.† 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 Alexis Korner.† 8.00 Sounds of Jazz.† 10.00 Close.
VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 6.00 am With Radio 2. 4.00 pm With Radio 1. 10.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):
6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.45 A House for Mr Biswas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.30 From the Weeklies. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 1.00 pm World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 Smash of the Day. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 Letter from America. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Financial Review. 5.20 New Ideas. 5.09 Financial Review. 5.20 New Ideas. 5.30 Aria. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 9.15 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Music Now. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 Concert Hall. 1.45 Come Here. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Stars in Their Eyes. 2.30 Faking it. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 Take One. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 Gold Rush.

REGIONAL TV

Granada

As London except: Starts: 9.35-10.00 Untamed Frontier. 11.00 Simply Sewing. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Window on the World. 1.00 pm Happy Days. 1.30 University Challenge. 2.00 Down to Earth. 2.25-4.00 Film: Big Job* (Sidney James). 4.30-5.30 Love Boat. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Snooker. 12.05 am-12.35 Police Surgeon.

Yorkshire

As London except: Starts: 9.00 am Link. 9.25 Doctor! 9.55-10.00 Dick Tracy. 11.00 As Good As New. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Calendar. 2.00 Film: Thief Who Came to Dinner (Ryan O'Neal, Jacqueline Bissett). 3.50-4.00 Walt Disney Classic. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Five Minutes. 11.35-12.30 am Paris.

Westward

As London except: Starts: 9.30 am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Simply Sewing. 11.30-12.00 As Good As New. 1.00 pm Stalin the Red Tsar. 1.45 Farm and Country News. 2.15-4.00 Film: War of the Planets (Tony Russell, Lisa Gastoni). 5.25-5.30 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Barney Miller. 11.55-12.00 Faith for Life.

HTV

As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.00 Sesame Street. 11.00 Link. 11.30-12.00 Simply Sewing. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Eagle and the Thrush. 2.10-4.00 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun (Ian Hendry, Roy Thinnes). 4.30-5.30 BJ and the Bear. 6.08-6.10 News. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30-12.25 pm New Avengers.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV West except: 5.30 pm-6.00 Y Gan Gynnulleidfaol.

Channel

As London except: Starts: 2.15 pm-4.00 Film: War of the Planets (Tony Russell, Lisa Gastoni). 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Barney Miller. 11.55 Epilogue.

Border

As London except: Starts: 9.30 am-10.00 Doctor! 11.00 Link. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 pm History of the Car. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Border Diary. 2.05-4.00 Film: Will Penny (Charlton Heston). 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Closedown.

Southern

As London except: Starts 8.45 am Communion. 9.00-9.30 Simply Sewing. 11.00 Link. 11.33-12.00 As Good as New. 1.00 pm Project UFO. 1.58 Farm Progress. 2.20-4.00 Film: Double Bunk* (Ian Carmichael). 4.30 News. 4.35-5.30 Chips. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Kate Loves a Mystery. 12.25 am Weather followed by Recovery of Health.

Ulster

As London except: Starts: 10.30 am Morning Worship. 11.00 Simply Sewing. 11.25 Cartoon. 11.30-12.00 Link. 12.58 pm News. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Untamed World. 2.00 Out of Town. 2.30-4.00 Film: Passionate Friends (Ann Todd, Claud Rains, Trevor Howard) 6.08-6.10 News. 7.45 Hart to Hart. 8.40-8.45 Sports Results. 11.30-11.40 Bedtime.

Anglia

As London except: 9.05 Doctor! 9.30 Sewing. 11.00 Link. 11.30 Good as New. 1.00 Andy. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming. 2.05 Film: Windom's Way (Peter Finch). 4.30 Fred and Barney. 5.00 Heirloom. 7.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 New Avengers.

Scottish

As London except: 9.05 am Facing Death. 9.35 Doctor. 10.00 Sesame Street. 11.00 Link. 11.30-12.00 About Gaelic. 1.00 pm Sunday Service. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Seachd Laithean. 2.15 University Challenge. 2.45 Happy Days. 3.15-4.00 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.30 Wish You Were Here? 5.00-5.30 Benson. 6.10-6.40 Bible Time. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 International Amateur Boxing. 12.30 am-12.35 Late Call.

ATV

As London except: Starts: 9.00 am-9.30 Farming Today. 11.00 Link. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 pm Benson. 1.30 University Challenge. 2.00 Film: How Sweet It Is! (James Garner, Debbie Reynolds). 3.45-4.00 Walt Disney Classics. 4.30-5.30 Incredible Hulk. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30-12.30 am Monte Carlo Show.

Tyne Tees

As London except: 11.00 am Link. 11.30-12.00 As Good as New. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-4.00 Film: There's No Business Like Showbusiness (Ethel Merman, Marilyn Monroe). 4.30 Little House on the Prairie. 5.28-5.30 News. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Paris. 12.30 am-12.35 Poet's Corner.

Grampian

As London except: Starts: 9.30 am-10.00 Doctor! 10.15 Credo. 10.45 Searchd Laithean. 11.00 Positive Soccer With Jack Charlton. 11.30-12.00 As Good As New. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-4.00 Film: Carnival of Thieves (Stephen Boyd, Yvette Mimieux). 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 International Amateur Boxing. 12.30 am-12.35 Reflections.

Gardening

Clean cut swards

Once again this year there are no dramatic developments to report in the field of motor mowers, cultivators and other mechanized garden equipment. There have been improvements in design, reduction in noise, easier starting of petrol driven machines and attention to safety but of course the general trend has been for prices to rise, in some cases by as much as 20 per cent or more.

So if you are contemplating the purchase of any but the smallest, simplest, cheapest machine I strongly advise you to seek out a supplier that can either demonstrate machines on their premises or bring a selection of machines to your garden for you to try yourself.

You would not I am sure buy a new car without first having driven it around a block or two and I would never buy a garden machine without giving it a trial if only *to make sure I could handle it* with complete confidence. It may mean doing some research in the yellow pages of the local telephone directory to find a firm that will give this service but it is well worth taking some trouble to make sure that you are getting the right machine for the work it will have to do in your particular garden.

For really close mowing on fine lawns the cylinder type machines are still the best. But the latest generation of rotary mowers do cut the grass to an acceptable lawn length and there are now models with a roller on the back which leaves that light and dark banded appearance on the lawn. It only lasts a day or so and as far as I am concerned if the grass is neatly cut I could not care less about the banded cut.

Of course the roller type rotary mower has the advantage that one can mow right up to the edge of a lawn whereas with some rotary mowers that have four wheels this is not possible. There are, however, models in which the blade or blades actually cut an inch or two further out than the wheels, so that if you manoeuvre the machine carefully you can cut to the edge of the lawn without the wheels slipping over the edge.

Rotary mower blades revolve at very high speeds—3,000 revolutions a minute or around 200 mph. The blades can fling out stones, bits of wire, glass or children's toys at this high speed which can be dangerous, even lethal.

Some rotary mowers have a grass box, or catcher which is attached usually to one side of the machine. Look for a steel cover over the discharge opening. It will prevent objects from being flung out when the grass box is not being used, but is lifted out of the way when you attach the box to the mower.

Now that the main patents on the original hover type mower that floats on a cushion of air have run out, several firms are producing this type of machine—Qualcast, Atco and Crown. As far as I know the only hover type mower which is fitted with a grass catcher is the Flymo DXE model and in a trial run with it for a few weeks last summer I found it a very serviceable machine.

Of course, with these mowers there is always a hazard if they are used stupidly. Most accidents with them have occurred when the operator has been cutting grass on a steep bank and has slipped and has dragged the machine over his feet.

A hover mower is splendid for cutting grass on banks. You can tie it to a length of rope, stand firmly on level ground on top of the bank and lower and raise the machine up and down the bank in perfect safety.

A simple yet ingenious development has been the use of small-meshed plastic for grass boxes. A better air flow is obtained in these boxes resulting in better grass collection and a reduction of noise, because the old solid boxes seemed to act as an echo chamber which amplified the engine noise.

Some of the newer petrol-driven mowers are easier to start because of improvements in the design of the engines, improvements in the carburettors and with the introduction of what is known as "solid state" ignition. I do not pretend to understand what this means, but I gather that it supersedes the type of ignition which involved contact breakers that dirtied up from time to time and made starting difficult. So one other desirable attribute to ask about in your search for the mower you will love and cherish is solid state ignition.

The manufacturers have also been working on the better silencing of the engines and again if you wish to live in harmony with your neighbours this is something worth checking on.

I am told that sales of "ride-on" mowers have shot up spectacularly in the past two or three years. This is not surprising because garden owners who cannot find garden help or who do not wish to pay £2.50 to £4 an hour for it are now forced to do much of their garden work. Cutting large areas of grass, trotting behind a large rotary machine is trying work on a hot day if you are not used to it.

There are various machines available from around £500 to £700. There are, of course, in the higher price range the mini-tractors which perform much more arduous tasks than cutting grass.

As this is the Year of the Disabled I must mention again the Springfield ZTR ride-on mowers. There are three models, but all have a unique system of controls ideal for the handicapped, elderly and, of course, for the able bodied. There are no foot pedals. No hand controls to worry about. You just have two levers, which you press forwards to go forwards and the harder you press the faster you go. Pull the levers backwards and you go into reverse, move the left lever forward and you turn right, move the right lever forward and you turn left. The machine is so manoeuvrable that it can be turned round full circle within its own length.

The machine will give a 30 inch cut in the smaller model and a 42 inch cut in the larger model. It has power steering and power brakes. If I had half an acre of grass or more to cut and £1,230 I would without hesitation buy this Springfield ZTR machine. There is no other machine to compare with it. If you have difficulty finding one, contact Bob Andrews Ltd, Sunningdale, Berks, the main distributors.

It would be unfashionable, I suppose, today, not to bring Japanese machines into any discussion about garden equipment. Honda have moved into the British market and have produced some good machines. There are rotary mowers and rotary grass cutters. The Japanese produce quiet engines, the quality and finish of their machines is good. They have not yet produced a rotary mower with a back roller. The Honda 21 rotary mower is worth considering but if you prefer to buy British, compare it with the Mountfield M5.

Like my Colleague Philip Howard I am concerned about the despoiling of the English language by the infiltration of foreign words, mainly from America, with dubious meanings. First we had this horrible word "planter" to describe a tub, window box or other container in which to grow plants. For me a "planter" is somebody who plants plants. Now we have another import from the USA, the word "Mulcher" applied to a rotary grass cutter. There is considerable doubt about the desirability of leaving the mowings on the lawn. On some soils, in some periods of drought, leaving the cuttings to lie may help the lawn. Or the "thatch" as the professional groundsmen call the matted layer of decaying cuttings may be harmful to the turf.

Personally I think that it is unwise to use the word "mulch" in respect of allowing the mowings to lie on the grass. The word "mulch" so far has been used to describe layers of organic material applied to the ground to feed plants and conserve moisture. I think it is premature to claim that mowings left to lie on a lawn can act as a beneficial mulch in the accepted sense of the word in all gardens and in all seasons.

Roy Hay



Travel

A spot of rum and Horatio



One of Antigua's silver beaches: they say there are 365 of them

The sun shines from a brilliant sky, decorated with rococo clouds. Silver beaches, curling like the moon, are rinsed by the sea, while the ocean breaks over protective coral some hundreds of yards away. Trade winds bend the coconut palms and cool the sunbathers.

Antigua claims to have 365 such beaches and I would not doubt it. Around the beaches are water sports, snorkelling, water skiing, sunfish sailing and the rest (generally provided free by your hotel). Some hotels make a feature of tennis, with a court for every 10 or so rooms, and a full time pro in the season. Tennis week with pro-am tournaments and some nearly-big-names is a draw for many, in the post Christmas lull. Sailing week later in the year is a major event.

Then there is the rum. The island boasts its own distillery producing Cavalier and Old Mill brands—both terrific—and rum punches come at you from all sides. Rum comes with coke, of course, with ginger or by itself. It comes disguised as a coconut milk shake in a pina colada or like a fruit sorbet in the frozen daiquiris sipped by many at the swimming pool.

Sun, sea, sand, sport and rum: if you can be content with that for your holiday, then Antigua is the place. It is one hop from London by air in a British Airways jumbo, and, though it is not cheap by European standards, it is cheaper in the out of season months.

The season runs from around December 15 to April 15, and is largely geared to folk from the northern US and from Canada escaping from the appalling weather they are cursed with. With the recession, and the need to find employment for their fast-growing population during the rest of the year, the Antiguans are turning to Europe to supply increasing numbers of tourists in the summer and autumn months.

Sometime during these months the rainy season is supposed to fall. But when that is depends on who you ask. Some people will tell you that May is the wet mouth, others declare that it's October. In fact it never rains very much—an hour or so a day even at the wettest time of year, and then in strictly limited areas—for *Antigua is a dry island. It lies* low and has suffered in the past from extended droughts (though there is a hilly area of the island where the lush tropical vegetation is abundant; it is called Fig Tree Drive, figs being what they call bananas locally).

Actually much of the vegetables and salad you will eat in your hotel will have been imported, like all the meat, though virtually none of the sea-food. It does not indicate a specially high standard of gourmet cooking, and indeed the hotel food tends to be bland and international in character with a predominance of steaks and hamburgers. But the seafood is good. Local crayfish (they call it lobster) is hauled from the seabed each day, and there are good harvests of snapper, grouper, kingfish and barracuda, conch and shrimp.

Local restaurants, where one may sample West Indian cuisine and mingle with the residents are regrettably few, but it is worth trying The Yard, slightly up-market and tourist-orientated, or Brother B's very local, where the Antiguan middle class meet each other for exchanging views and gossip. Both are in the ramshackle downtown area of St John's, the capital. A pleasant seafood restaurant, the Cockleshell, is a few kilometres outside town.

The major historic site on the island and well worth a visit is of course Nelson's *Dockyard. Captain Horatio* Nelson, RN, in command of the Boreas, was stationed here for a time, and careful and thoughtful restoration has turned it into a living museum. A tasteful hotel has been built in the old engineer's house, called the Admiral's Inn. The copper and lumber store has been turned into attractive though expensive) apartments. The commander's house turned into a museum with historic relics including a four-poster bed that Nelson is reputed to have slept in.

The following hotels are recommended: **Curtain Bluff**: Excellent taste, strong tennis facilities and interest, and the best wine cellar in the island are the strong points of this 50-bedroom American run hotel. US$180 per double including breakfast and dinner per day until April 15, then $110 per day until December 15.

Half Moon Bay: Idyllic setting, *strong sports influence* (tennis and golf) with a Geordie manager who used to play for Bishop Auckland and luxurious rooms opening straight on to the beach make this a favourite. US$145 per day for a standard double until April 6, dropping to $90 for the summer.

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Halcyon Cove: Big American style (100 rooms) hotel on the most popular mile-long beach in the north of the island, formerly Court Line, now British-run on behalf of the Antigua Government. Panoramic restaurant at the top of a hair raising bus ride. $155 per double per day, plus breakfast and dinner inthe season for a standard room; $132 from May 1 to December 14.

Halcyon Reef: At the other end of the island and not to be confused, this former Holiday Inn is beautifully located and well-designed around a pool with a view. Winter rate $156 double with breakfast and dinner: from April 15 to December 14 $90.

Barrymore: More a businessman's hotel than a resort, but built round an attractive pool, close to the capital of St John's. Family-owned by Antiguans of French descent. $38 per night double with all meals extra in the winter season, and $28 in the summer.

Antigua Beach: The oldest hotel on the island, and still with a slight touch of Somerset Maugham. $120 per night double, with breakfast and dinner in the season.

Catamaran: On a quiet lagoon close to Nelson's Dockyard, this is a more modest hostelry, with 11 rooms opening directly on to the beach. $48 for the room only (double), in winter, but $35 from May 6.

All prices quoted will have 15 per cent added—10 per cent for gratuities plus 5 per cent tax. Package tours to Antigua feature in Speedbird and Sovereign holiday brochures, and are in (among others) Thomas Cook Kuoni, Wings, Pegasus, and Rankin Kuhn programmes.

Michael Hamlyn

Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

Hysterical drama

The difficulty with Richard Foreman's *ontological-hysteric* theatre is that in at least one startlingly real way it is more ontological and hysteric than theatre, and I say this merely by way of definition, and in no sense as an adverse criticism.

Ontology is that part of metaphysics that relates to the essence of beings, and therefore to the abstraction of their concept. Hysteric in its general sense suggests an unnatural emotional reaction to a stimulus.

Here at once we have the two major intellectual elements to Foreman's theatre of metaphor and heightened reaction. This is, of course, still theatre. I am beginning to think that anything that takes place in a theatre, including the audience, is theatre. But for people expecting a well-made play by Ibsen or even the wild suggestive imagery of an unmade bed by Sam Shepard, Foreman could come as quite a shock.

It is curious that most cultivated Europeans, from London to Warsaw, asked to list the most important figures and companies in the American theatre, after paying tribute to a handful of playwrights, would almost certainly name the likes of Robert Wilson, Joseph Chaikin, Richard Foreman, the Bread and Puppet Theatre, the Mabou Mines, and, of course, Ellen Stewart's La Mama. These are not names that would spring first to American minds.

In Europe, America's avant-garde theatres, or to use a more relevant term "alternative" theatres, are widely admired. Europeans with a firmer classic theatrical background than the Americans and perhaps less concerned with theatre simply as show business, at times can show an almost unhealthy interest in the new but at others can show American artists that America itself often neglects. Now Joseph Papp has brought the *ontological-hysterics under the* protective umbrella of the New York Shakespeare Festival's public theatre—there will be fun and doubtless squalls ahead, but it is a good move from all concerned. The first offering at the public theatre was *Penguin Touquet*, a new work very typical of the troupe, but perhaps not top-drawer Foreman, who in recent years has seemed happiest in his collaborations with the composer, Stanley Silverman.

This intense and dense work does not have a story—although it is far from abstract—and the remnants of a theme, like the fierce flickerings of a dream that you might have dreamed the night before, are very evident. The piece has been written, directed and scored by Foreman, the scenery is by Heidi Landesman and Foreman himself, the costumes are by Carol Oditz, the lighting by Pat Collins, the sound is by Daniel M. Schreier. When the audience gets to the theatre it is given *some kind of plot summary. It* would be well advised not to read it. It will certainly confuse and possibly annoy.

The text itself is profoundly influenced by Gertrude Stein, both in its purposefully circuitous writing, and in its tender mock profundities, each one of which is like a fortune cookie of experience. There are other influences as well, including that strange pop-vein of British humour, which started as an imitation of the Marx brothers and *Helzapoppin* and developed into radio's *The Goon Show* and TV's *Monty Python*. Yet *Penguin Touquet* is a visual rather than literary experience—in a somewhat similar fashion to Wilson's work. As theatre it is attempting to create a first-hand experience rather than the second-hand experience the theatre normally provides. To this end it uses surrealism, that shock of difference, the crazy juxtaposition of realistic nonsense, in a fashion dangerously more akin to Salvador Dali than René Magritte.

However, Foreman's stage *pictures* are always wonderful to look at. Here in this plotless, mystery melodrama full of pretty women (including the great beauty Kate Manheim) Foreman is using a Belle Epoque Parisian brasserie—his favourite place and period—and clashes down his symbols there. This is a ballet with words and actors—I was reminded of Satie's *Relache* recently reconstructed by the Joffrey Ballet—and it is the kind of theatre-piece that demands new eyes, ears and reactions. Sometimes it will assail the audience with violence—bright lights are shone on it or it is subjected to almost unbearably loud dissonant sound. Sometimes it might worry one. At both the beginning and the end there is a recording of mocking laughter. Is Foreman laughing at us? I think not. Much more he is inviting us to laugh and enjoy his visionary, fragmented world of hallucination and dreams.

The Americans and the British talk English loudly to the rest of the world and trust that they will be understood. We presume that English is the new Esperanto, a universal language that the world should learn. There is some arrogance here, and some commercial dangers, which nations such as the Japanese are scarcely slow in showing us. And in the verbal arts—particularly the theatre—it makes the United States and Britain dangerously insular. We have a sure sense, in both countries, that fundamentally if a play is not written in English, it was scarcely worth the writing. We in New York usually, although less frequently, get the greatest of the world's dance companies, but hardly ever see a major foreign theatrical company—unless it's British.

Most adventurously, Christopher Martin arranged for his CSC repertory to offer the English-language premiere of *Gilles de Rais* (Bluebeard), which is now running in repertory with the company's much praised Sophocles' *Oedipus* cycle. Planchon's play is a shocker. Gilles de Rais was an enormously rich French nobleman—he assisted Joan of Arc against the British—a soldier, artistic dilettante, sadist and murderous pederast. There is nothing commendable that can be said about Gilles de Rais—with the possible exception that he maintained the courage of his vile convictions.

Planchon makes no apology for this human, inhuman monster. He presents him for display, and perhaps does display some qualities of resilience and loyalty that sometimes the worst of men have, hell-bent to hell. The play is part spectacle, part Grand Guignol—in that specifically French horrific theatrical genre—and yet, part epic. It is a paradise not lost but never searched for, with Satan as its horrendous hero.

The difficulty of the production is that, although Planchon was himself present for the last week of rehearsal, Christopher Martin, both as director and principal actor, has taken on more than he can possibly chew, let alone masticate. The role of Gilles de Rais is meant to be played by an actor of enormous personal presence—actors such as Raul Julia or Richard Dreyfuss spring to mind. Martin does not have this. He has built up a wonderful theatre. He is an adequate actor, but cannot expect to shine in what at times dangerously resembles an ego excursion into *Star Wars* where he is not an able combatant.

This is a Jean Genet view of life, an Artonian Artaud view of the theatre, but such concepts must be cut with knife-clean clarity. Here—partly through the fuzzy performance of Martin himself—such clarity was so clearly lacking that we found ourselves looking at an essentially epic play, through a glass darkly.

Good Food Guide

English and no mistake

Once upon a time, you could be certain about what being English was, in the matter of food and its provision in public places. "Beetroot in vinegar and boiled cabbage cut in sections" were among the denoters T. S. Eliot chose in his *Notes Towards the Definition of a Culture*, and one searches in vain for the contemporary equivalent in all those places whose owners, in naming them, display a modern or archaic contempt for the apostrophe: Strumpets, Hoggets, Bedlingtons and the like. Is the national emblem of such places avocado with prawns?

Several of the places featured below follow the fashion as far as nomenclature goes. For instance, there is a Mr Kenward in Kenwards, a Mr Brown in Brownes, and there may conceivably once have been a Mr or Mrs Tatler in Tatlers; disappointingly, Upstairs is not run by a Mr Upstair. Any other resemblance between their restaurants and the irreverent caricature of the preceding paragraph can be discounted, for they all have in common what would have been considered a few decades back a most un-English interest in cooking with a preference for mildly unconventional food.

John Kenward, in the Lewes restaurant that used to be Nitchevo, sounds almost aggressively English as you read down his list of specialities: roast teal with russets, Eccleston pie, cockerel in elderberry wine (tell that to the Burgundians), mulberry ice-cream and so on. He is also by profession an architect, like several of our best restaurateurs, and architects are notorious push-overs for both antiquarianism (at home) and modernism (in the office). But the pleasure Sussex people are taking in this unemphatic basement is more basic: Mr Kenward clearly has *a passion* for his new métier, and his principles in the matter are politely voiced but as unbendable as a Frenchman's: you cook what the locality and the seasons provide; you eat your vegetables firm and your game livers bloody; and if this displeases, there are other restaurants up the road.

The earliest reports received quickly noted the "unfussy, totally fresh" food, especially the Newhaven fish, and the crunchy mange-tout peas with a fennel sauce, eaten as a prelude to kid with sweet herbs, "delicately done and quite pink in the middle". At a test meal, pork with sweetbreads and cider tasted as though it had been cooked too fast, but the artichoke soup, the vegetables, and the fennel and Pernod ice fully atoned for the mistake. A vegetarian savoury of blue cheese and parsnips is also offered. So is Breaky Bottom white wine for Sussex patriots. "Perhaps the '79 vintage is better than the '77", says one of them hopefully. Prices of most wines are anyway low enough to allow experiment, with locally bottled beers, the best of single malt whiskies, and West Country ciders and mineral waters as alternatives.

East Anglia, for reasons going back at least as far as Turnip Townshend, seems an obvious region for anglophiliac restaurants. Timothy Brown and John Adams clearly enjoy themselves a lot in their little Georgian house in Bungay, redecorating for fun when they are not cooking for money, and though the *reputation* of Brownes has hitherto been mainly local, in spite of its appearance in a couple of *Guide* editions, recent inspection suggested it would be easy to travel farther and fare worse in search of such robust dishes as game pie (£5.50 with vegetables) and venison wrapped in good puff *pastry*, served with a mustard and mint bêchamel.

The mussels in cream, wine and herbs that began the meal, and the tart cranberry water-ice that ended it, maintained the standard well. It is only fair to add, though, that another couple, who for whatever *reason* ate much less well, were further irked by "the self-congratulatory atmosphere—encouraged by a visitors' book full of the usual effusive comments".

Tatlers in Norwich does not have what it takes to act in a self-congratulatory manner. Inspection found much of the food tasting as good as similar dishes had in Brownes—"a relief, since after various bitter experiences we had written off Norwich as a gastronomically stricken area, probably qualifying for an EEC grant of an appropriate kind". "But the puddings are garish, the coffee and the house wine lessish (if that is the opposite of moreish), and the service disarmingly amateurish—"our lad thought forgetting a fork was a great joke". Much therefore rests on Miss Allen's more controlled—and not overpriced—cooking of mussels, meat-loaf, jugged *hare*, and *pigeon*. "a tender bird, unusually for a pigeon, appetisingly stuffed with a livery forcemeat, crowned with crisp bacon and served with a discreet wine sauce". Local samphire may be served in its season (which usefully follows the asparagus one). As often in East Anglia, Adnams' bitter helps make up for any *shortcomings* at the cheap end of the wine list.

Upstairs in Sandbach gives a much more organized impression, and the Victorian decor leaves not an antimacassar out of place. Even the recorded music may remind you that if Queen Victoria had appeared on *Desert Island Discs*, Mendelssohn would have been heavily represented. Jenny Stone's menue, which she changes often, has a strongly English slant, and indeed begins to sound like a cookery book by the time you get to the end of descriptions such as "jointed oxtail browned and simmered with jellied beef stock, mixed vegtables, herbs and ruby port".

This technique begins to sound preposterous when applied to that traditional 20th century Cheshire speciality, prawn cocktail.

However, *Guide* inspectors and others have eaten admirably cooked meals in the spaces between the knick-knacks. "No tinned or packeted mushroom soup could possibly have had the full flavour of this fresh one (95p), and devilled kidney puffs tasted of a home-made curry blend in which coriander predominated (£1.35). One was invited to test the tenderness and done-ness of the steak in wine sauce *before the tureenful of vegetables* was put on the table, and the cauliflower was outstanding in flavour and 'bite'; apricot and hazelnut cake and chocolate, rum and raisin mousse were rich, of course, but also had nicely distinct tastes of their ingredients." The wines are comparatively mediocre, and the final bill may remind the traveller that although Cheshire is a dearer county than Norfolk, Upstairs may seem relatively modest. There is a further attraction: Sandbach is a mere two minutes from the M6.

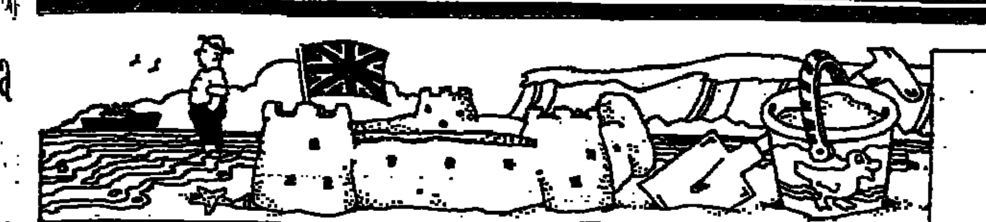
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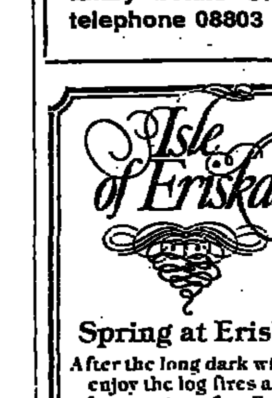
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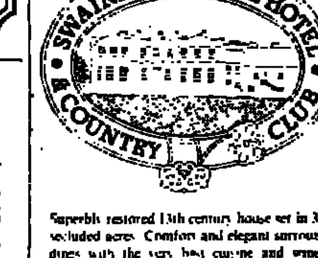
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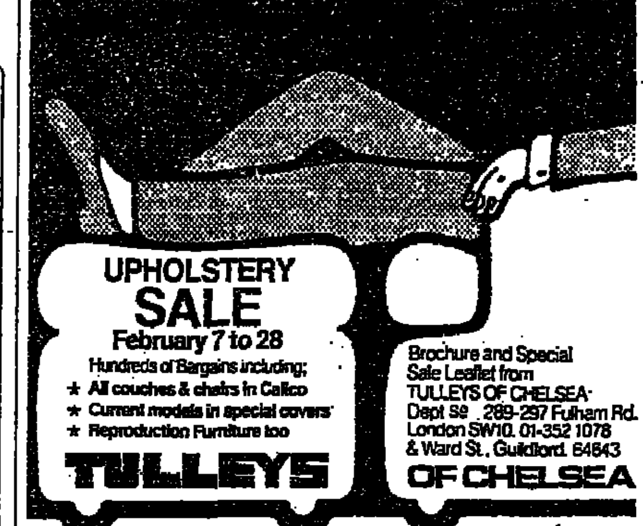


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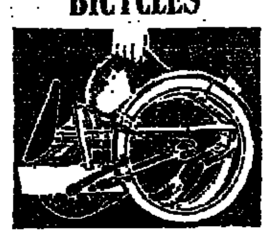
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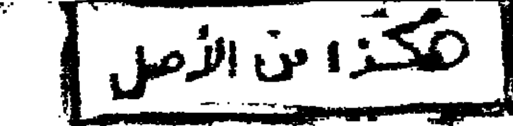
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■ A theatre is not the only place you can buy fantasy. Take a trip to Pimlico Road and you can walk straight into a world of enchantment at Hippo Hall. Why Hippo? "Because nobody loves them" says owner Vanessa Hedley.

But dry your crocodile tears. I have to tell you there was another reason. The intention had been to call the shop Toad Hall until a friend of somewhat ample proportions confessed that her recently acquired fiancé called her Hippo—and Kenneth Graham gave way to something more akin to Flanders and Swan.

The story is typical of the *humour and charm* that pervades the shop, thanks to the creative imagination of artist Annie Sloan. The walls are decorated with delightful animal murals (they can be painted to commission in your own home) and the theme has been *extended to furniture*, pictures, fabrics and wallpapers.

Knowing that children love to have things made personal, Annie Sloan also created an animal alphabet, each letter made from a different creature. A *child's name*, hand painted in these letters, costs £41.40 for a five letter name, more for a longer one. These are framed as a picture and can be sent, without glass, by mail order for an extra £1 p&p. A less expensive printed version of the alphabet, topped with a child's name, is available from £12.

If a specially commissioned mural is beyond your budget for a nursery, there is a delightful range of coordinating fabrics so that you can give the room a face-lift with new duvet cover, sheets and curtains. The prettiest is called Hearts, Animals and Rainbows in red, white and blue (other colours, too) — hippo printed cotton at £8.62 metre, heart printed sheets, £14 each, reversible duvet covers £21.27, pillowcases £3.95 each.

Alternative mixes in fabrics by the metre are bunnies dressed for the beach with teaming ice-cream cone design, *friendly frogs sitting on water-lilies* with lolipop and balloon coordinate, aeroplanes for boys with targets to match. All the fabrics are specially designed and made in England and can be ordered with a plasticized finish if you want to use them for nursery tablecloths or window seat covers, where spills are inevitable.

Delightful children's furniture complements this animal kingdom. There are chairs with lift-up seats for storage and with sides carved in the shape of frogs, hippos, penguins, pandas — all brightly painted and costing £56.93. Poles in the shape of clowns, soldiers, policemen, with pegs for clothes and satchels might encourage a little more order if not law, £32.20 and there are toy boxes, tables, chairs, chests of drawers, all painted with animals and names. Or you can bring your own furniture to be painted with a design of your choice.

Of course, there are toys, too. Ebullient purple hippos with old Etonian ties, £22.50, smaller, more modest hippos at £11, huge green fur fabric pea pods, big enough to climb into and play with the monster hairy peas, about £46. A visit to Hippo Hall is a wonderful imagination stretcher, but if you can't get there a leaflet will be ready by *the end of the month* showing colour pictures of the fabrics, which can be ordered by post. Write to Hippo Hall, 65 Pimlico Road, London, SW1. 01-730 7710.

Two more enthusiasts in decoration and design for children are Hinny Charlton and Jeannie Forman, who run Pierrot at *174* Wandsworth Bridge Road, London, SW6. They have an excellent range of clothes, some hand made, some factory made, but all in natural fabrics, for babies and children up to eight years old.

They also do decorated furniture to order—chairs from £17.50, tables £30, marvellously capacious toy boxes, 40in x 19*in, from £40.* You may think you have too little space for one, but make room—you will regret anything smaller. Pictures with a child's name, like the Noah's Ark illustrated, cost from £13 to £30, named jigsaws from £7, depending on the number of letters.

Another speciality is the range of appliquéd quilts. The background fabric is in spots, stripes or checks in red, yellow, blue, green or grey, and the appliquéd motifs come in the shape of teddies, Paddington bears, ships, butterflies, frogs, daisies or poppies. They can be appliquéd just in the centre of the quilt, here and there, or all over, to choice. A pram quilt with one central appliqué, plus pillowcase, costs £7.95, crib and cot quilts start at £12.95 and bed size quilts at £31.

To match the quilts are hanging tidy bags with six pockets, each appliquéd, £8.95, and square playmats, 48in x 36in, decorated with animals and the child's name, £12.95. All are available mail order from 50p p&p on each item and special requirements can be discussed if you telephone 01-736 1123.

Bottom: One of a selection of nursery pictures, painted with the subject and name of your choice, from £13 to £30 at *Pierrot*, 174 Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6.

Below: Cheerful printed cotton called Frog Party was designed for nurseries by Annie Sloan but would be fun in kitchens or bathrooms, too. In navy and *red*, yellow and green or turquoise and pink on white, £8.62 metre from *Hippo Hall, 65 Pimlico Road*, London SW1.







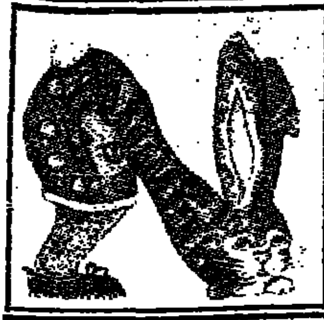
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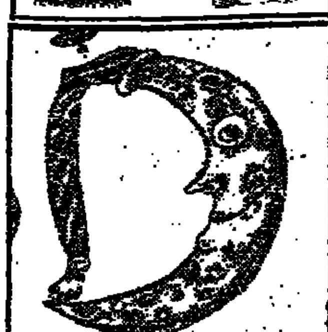
Left: Animal letters by Annie Sloan can be hand painted to form a child's name, printed as an alphabet or are available on a cotton *furnishing* fabric. All from Hippo Hall.

Right: For fun and games—pink cat suit for three to five year olds, £9.50 plus 95p p&p from Childsplay, 11 Harrowby Court, Harrowby Street, London W1; silvered cotton astronaut suit for ages four to six, £10 plus £1 p&p from Suka, 8 Lancaster Avenue, London SE27; *frog chair*, £56.93, clown pole, £32.20, both *from Hippo Hall; giant toy* box painted with rabbits and clouds, or designs of your choice, from £40 from Pierrot, 174 Wandsworth Bridge *Road*, London, SW6. Silver heart-shaped baloons, 99p each from Selfridges. W1, boy's red or blue Bombo boots, *sizes* 13 to 2, £6.99 *from branches of* Frisbys, Camden High Street, NW1 and branches.









■ Let's pretend is a wonderful game played by people in business some of the time, people in love most of the time and people in politics all the time, and it can be terribly confusing to those on the receiving end if they all look alike. How much simpler life would be if there were grown-up dressing up boxes full of Injured Party outfits, or Wife Swopping Suits of Stockbrokers in Wolf's Clothing clothing. As every five-year-old knows, you will never be convincing if you don't look the part.

Educationalists will tell you that the best dressing up clothes are the simplest—a sheet and a length of string and an old fashioned scrubbing board sprinkled liberally with creative thoughts will turn you into the most divine of harp-playing angels. Maybe I was weak on imagination and strong on puppy fat, but that sort of outfit always made me look like the lead guitar in a trappist monk pop group and did nothing for my morale whatever.

The outfit I remember still was an absolutely splendid red Indian chief suit with a full feathered headdress, brought by my father from Canada. It frightened the chickens my mother was keeping as a war effort, but it won enormous *respect in the kindergarten. So* I can quite see the value of the professionally made dressing up clothes. Not every mother is a whizz with a paper pattern and a bit of old curtain.

This view is supported by the fact that the dressing up business seems to be expanding. Two years ago Suzanne Hylton and Carole Hirschorn found themselves in business without even trying. Suzanne had designed a rag doll dressed as a First World War nurse and *they had taken it to the Child*ren's Book Centre, mentioning a vague idea for making a child's size version. They came away with an order for 50.

They screen printed on the kitchen table, cut out on the sitting room floor, machined in the bedroom, worked a 17 hour day and built up a collection of dressing up clothes known as Playtogs. The Design Council accepted several of the outfits and the range now includes a nurse, vampire, Indian squaw *and brave, witch, bride, sur*geon, racing driver, sheriff and astronaut.

All the outfits are washable and packed in matching cotton bags. They come in two sizes, for ages 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 and prices range from £6.56 to £10.88. Some of the styles will be stocked, by the end of next week, by The Children's Book Centre, 229 Kensington High Street, London, W8. For details of prices and mail order write to Suka, 8 Lancaster Avenue, *London, SE27, 01-761 3628.*

Another range of dressing up clothes just introduced in this country has been selling successfully in France. It is being imported here by Charlotta Slingsby, who has several friends in Burgundy who have been involved in the fashion industry, now have children of their own and know the value of well-made clothes in washable fabrics that will stand up to the rigours of Childsplay, the *name of the range.*

Again there is a choice of size—ages three to five and six *to nine*—and prices are from £9 to £19. A brochure of all the styles is available from Childsplay, 11 Harrowby Court, Harrowby Street, London W1.

The difference between these outfits and the Playtogs is interestingly indigenous. The English ones are fun clothes for dressing up at home, the French have a sophistication which sug*gests fancy dress parties—they* include, for instance, a marchioness dress and a frock coat and striped trousers.

There is an astronaut suit in both ranges which typifies the difference in approach to dressing up of each company. The Playtogs version is a practical, zip-up silvery boiler suit that has a distinct air of authenticity. The Childsplay version is in silver Lurex with a face-covering hood—a comic strip version of space gear. The choice is up to you.

■ Postscript to Mrs Margaret Janes' China Matching Service (Shoparound January 31). A *similar service*, called *China*match is run by Mrs Anne Garrett whose scale of charges starts at £1 to register a buyer's request (sellers are registered free). She then charges the seller £1 for a match involving two or three items, buyer and seller £2 each for a four-item match, and £5 each when five or more items are involved.

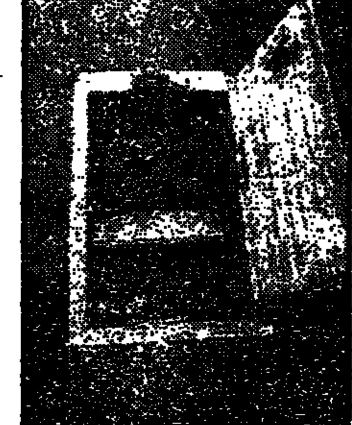
Mrs Garrett tells me she has over 1,000 clients from all parts of the world on her register, so you many find your missing piece of Crown Derby comes home to roost with some interesting travellers' tales. More details are available from Chinamatch at Nutwood, Fen Walk, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

■ Many people find the idea of a private sauna appealing, but either have space problems or are unable to face the upheaval of a complicated installation. For them a mobile dry heatbath called the Minisauna has been introduced by a Finnish company called Norpe.

The exterior is in pine, insulated with a sandwich of fibreglass, airspace and aluminium foil. The dry heat comes from a 1.5 kw stove under the bench seat and there is a thermostat and timer control so that you can't go to sleep and overcook.

The machine is on wheels and can be operated almost anywhere in the house from a 13 amp plug. It measures 3ft 9in x 2ft 4in x 3ft 6½in—big enough for a large adult, but compact enough to manoeuvre through average doorways. You sit in it like a turkish bath, so the heat that relaxes your body doesn't ruin your hair-do.

The price is £399, which sounds like an awful lot of sauna to me, but if you have a



family of four and you have one sauna each a week for a year, that will cost you £1.91 each time, apart from the cost of the electricity. After that, every drop of perspiration you lose is free. More details from Norpe Saunas of Finland (UK) Ltd, Old Post Office Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 5UF. London office: 01-960 6406.

■ A company which started life last autumn in *Wirksworth*, Derbyshire, *with the help of the* Council of Small Industries in Rural Areas, has produced *its first range of simple, classic* furniture based on the belief that these days good quality plus good design is the recipe for survival.

Last year was not one of the most propitious to start a furniture company, but while many manufacturers were collapsing, Peter Miles and Ronald Carter decided to test their theory that some people were driven into buying old furniture simply because modern designs were too sterile, too transient and out of sympathy with their lifestyle, and that there was room for *simple modern designs made with traditional* cabinet-making techniques.

Ronald Carter, who won the title Royal Designer for Industry in 1971 and has designed several ranges for Stag, was well qualified for the task, and he has created an initial range of dining and occasional furniture of great style in handsome English hardwoods—oak, ash, elm—and Brazilian mahogany.

The company, Peter Miles Furniture, does not believe in production lines. Each craftsman is responsible for every stage of *manufacture and the results reflect* the *pride* taken in the work. In addition, as each piece of furniture is made in limited quantities, individual variations are possible—for instance chairs shown in one timber are available in others, there is a choice of sizes and if minor modifications are required, these can be discussed.

The range includes dining chairs at £80 to £110, occasional tables from £70 to £200, dining tables at £590 sideboards £750—these prices are all for English oak, other woods would be less. Stores who stock, or have information on the range are Libertys, Regent Street, London, W1; Oscar Woollens, 421 Finchley Road, London, NW3; Abode, Bath; Maskrey, Bristol and Cardiff; Hopewells, Nottingham. The furniture will also be shown in the Design Council exhibition, Small Firms, Big Ideas, at 28 Haymarket, London, SW1, from February 18 to April 8.

Sleek sideboard with four doors, two drawers and two adjustable shelves. Approximately 5ft 6in x 3ft x 1ft 9in or can be made to size required. £750 in English oak, £650 in Brazilian mahogany. Available in other timbers by Peter Miles Furniture. For stockists telephone 062-982 3853.

■ Drinks for dieters usually taste boring, look boring and are an immediate challenge to all one's friends to persuade you that "just a little" calorie packed alcohol won't do you any harm. You may be one of the lucky ones who can take a single glass of white wine and not put on an ounce. I can't, so I was delighted to be introduced to a palatable alternative.

You simply put some ice in a glass, shake a good dash of angostura bitters over it, top up with Slimline tonic and add a slice of lemon. A friend on the Scarsdale diet passed on the recipe—he has lost 10lb so far—and I find it more interesting than plain low-calorie tonic. It also looks sufficiently pink and naughty to drink in a cocktail bar or pub without anyone guessing you are secretly putting them to shame, so you may care to try it next time you are dieting or driving.

■ It seems to me that do-it-yourself manuals and cookery books have a great deal in *common—they are terribly* tempting to buy, but does anyone ever use them? I have several shelves of cookbooks, but I only consult two or three, and I never read them in bed, as so many people are alleged to do (doesn't it lead to night starvation?), so just how useful is a guide to furniture restoration going to be to the average handyman?

The *Which? Way to Repair and Restore Furniture*, to be published next Monday by the Consumers' Association and Hodder and Stoughton, has been compiled by David Mason, military historian and one-time reporter with a knowing eye for furniture.

On one of his first assignments he spotted a table, *grimy, tea stained and broken*, in the office of the businessman he was interviewing. It was scheduled for scrap, but because he showed an interest in it, the table was given to him. It turned out, when he had mended, revived, scraped and french polished it, to be a good example of an early Victorian burr walnut library table.

That, of course, is not *going* to happen to you. Businessmen these days know all about grimy old furniture—in fact some of them actually make it that way—and if you do have something you suspect is a valuable antique, it is inadvisable to go at it with a chisel and a bottle of linseed oil. Indeed, the *Which?* guide specifically tells you not to. It is aiming at the home restorer who wants to repair oldish furniture which might *not* be worth incurring professional restoration costs, but *could be given* a serviceable lease of life. It is written for the amateur who has "aptitude, patience and common sense".

And the greatest of these is aptitude. I would quarrel with David Mason's statement that with these three gifts "almost anybody can master the modest skills of basic carpentry and polishing that are needed for work on tables, chairs and *cabinets*".

Perhaps that is true of wood furniture, but the book also includes a large section on reupholstery, which I tackled at evening classes for several years. I achieved some quite passable results, including deep buttoning, but I could never have done it without the guiding hand of the instructor to smooth out the lumps occasionally. Just *reading about it is not* the same.

However, this is a stimulating book which admits it limitations and offers a great deal of encouragement to the amateur. It tells you, among other things, about tools, dismantling, letting in new wood, reviving, stripping, removing ink stains, refinishing, and it has clear and uncomplicated diagrams.

I would not suggest it for those without any carpentry experience, but those who already have a feeling for furniture, plus a reasonable amount of talent and time, may find it provides the practical basis for a *hobby* that could become a satisfying skill. The book costs £5.95 and is available, if you can't find it in your local bookshop, from the Subscriptions Dept., Consumers' Association, Caxton Hill, Hertford SG13 7LZ.

Fred Emery

Did Mr Pym's message go astray?

Sometimes there is uncanny symmetry in the imagery of political turns. Last Thursday *The Times* published a letter from the man who punned the conceit, "You turn if you want, the lady's not for turning"—Ronald Millar, the playwright, knighted on the Prime Minister's recommendation for, among other things, being word-*smith for her speech making*. The same day there was a front page report of another Conservative speech which suggested that the first half of of the phrase Mrs Thatcher delivered to a rapturous Tory conference might have turned out to be more accurate than the last, and better known defiant half.

This new speech now admitted that "*common sense tells us that changed* circumstances make adjustments necessary in both tactics and timing". The Government, the speech said, "will not be deterred from making this statement of the obvious by accusations of changing course".

The strategy—it needed saying—and the "main purposes" would not be abandoned. But "the simple truth is that in the light of the deterioration in the world and domestic economic framework, we could neither press ahead regardless with our planned schedule, nor avoid some much needed measures, to deal with some of the distressing effects".

Sir Ronald, meet Mr Francis Pym making his first sortie in public as purveyor of the Government's message. *Since his removal from the* Defence Ministry in the Christmas reshuffle, Mr Pym has been feeling his way forward as leader of the House, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General. He is a man of very keen political instinct and he is clearly warming to his task as the Government's political manager, perhaps its campaign manager.

Now, did he get his message across, and what is it? Well, some reactions took it to be a replica of Mr Heath's U-turn; this Government, like his, some two years into its turn was breaking under pressure, doing the sort of cutting and running that Mrs Thatcher has sworn never to countenance. Since Mr Pym is not yet Prime Minister, this interpretation seems rather far fetched.

Yet another reaction was to suppose that Mr Pym was merely cloaking, indeed, defending, the *Government's tough policies by* talking the language of sensible and deliberate moderation.

By these examples, Mr Pym did not get his message across too well. What he was essentially trying to do, at least in my judgment, was to restore the ring of credibility to the Government's approach. For the past six months, the not-for-turning line has hogged the headlines and the screens. It has given the impression of obduracy, dogmatism, and hard-heartedness. It has allowed the caricature of Tory policies to become virtually the accepted fact.

Since Mrs Thatcher has done most of the preaching it has turned her into the personification of a government that seems bent on taking us *through the industrial desert*, if necessary, in order to reach the promised land. However, she, too, in one little remembered interview with the BBC's *Analysis* programme,



Francis Pym: moderation

agreed that she would have to steer round obstacles—and not, by implication, crash through them. Yet, such is the Government's cultivation of the image of motorway madness that it is the defiance that has stuck.

It is nonsense of course. But the *lady has protested so much that there* can be no alternative, always telling us what she will not do, that a credibility gap has been created over what the Government is doing. Supporters are confused, not to say the uncommitted, when a government looks as if it gets dragged into industrial relief measures, and even a pay policy, and then pretends that it wished it had not.

And then there was "operation optimism" at the turn of the year to promote the idea that the recession was "bottoming out", the recovery imminent. That has also dented the Government's credibility.

Now it is unlikely that all this will change overnight. The speeches at the Young Conservatives conference this weekend will doubtless bring us more of the old refrain. But Mr Pym's attempt—and it has already been welcomed by some of his anxious back benchers—is to speak intelligently, rather than in slogans, about the choices the Government faces. At a desperately difficult time it makes the Government seem less foolish than it sometimes looks, and sounds.

Owning up is never a bad idea. And by acknowledging, frankly, the doubts and confusion *besetting the Government, Mr Pym has tried to* give assurance that ministers are not blindly sticking to dogma nor refusing to help those in need. Commonsense, that is his pivot. Now, in political terms, there is wide divergence over what constitutes commonsense. But in Conservative parlance Mr Pym is clearly reminding us that there are practical politicians inside this government, too. *They* may always see themselves as such, but it does not look like that from the outside.

Whether this is a signal to expect further adjustments by the time of the Budget we shall have to wait and see. The urge to do the maximum possible for industry and business so that they may take advantage of *whatever recovery is coming, is now* coming through very strongly to the heart of government. Whether ministers will succeed in getting their pre-Budget Cabinet session to review strategy is uncertain, but it is significant that they are trying again.

The upshot is unlikely to add up to the new enterprise package of government help to back "winners" that some ministers would like to see. But it would now be surprising if there were not rapid moves to ease energy costs and interest rates. Those urging the Government to put constraints on the inflow of foreign funds now claim they are being listened to.

There remain, of course, those ministers who still feel that their economic colleagues have little idea of where they are taking the country. And their view was reinforced this week by some of the Americans with the Congressional budget committee who last week made a visit to London. Several out-and-out Reaganites confided that no one more confused them at No 10 than Professor Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's newly recruited economic adviser. Apparently he insisted to them that the pound's strength had nothing to do with North Sea oil, only with the "real" interest rate. He also claimed that the "real" inflation rate, in the private sector at least, was currently nil. Heaven knows what we will make of Mr Reagan's major package of cuts to be announced next Wednesday and whether the adjustments we are now making will show up there before they have even started.

Any more symmetry? Sir Ronald's latest venture was that the "lady's for returning". He meant not whence she came, but at the next election. That is really Mr Pym's anxiety, too.

The changing order at Downside

The Abbot of Downside, when he was still Novice Master, used to explain to his charges that the apparent dichotomy of *the monastery and the school* should not provide an obstacle to the testing of a novice's vocation. He went further and invoked the Rule of St Benedict as evidence that the founder of western monachism had always intended that boys and young men should be educated by monks.

Not, he insisted, that all the members of the monastic community should become schoolmasters; but that those monks who were set by the Abbot to the task of education in a monastic school should remain always primarily monks and secondly teachers.

Last September, the Abbot appointed to be Headmaster of the School a man who shared that view of the Rule of St Benedict and who also retained a firm belief in the importance of rules in the ordering of any society.

Dom Philip Jebb, the new Headmaster, took the view that *rules of conduct and behaviour* had rather slipped at Downside. Like any new commander he felt there was a need for a tightening up rather than a rigid enforcement of archaic or Draconian measures.

The point is, he got tough. Last term he expelled three pupils for taking drugs, not simply because he will not condone the use of drugs in his school but, even more importantly, because the boys in question had given his predecessor a solemn undertaking that they would not take drugs. Their behaviour was not just illegal, it was dishonourable.

Dom Philip believes that there had been a straight falling off of honesty—not just at Downside, for the Headmaster of Westminister has said the same thing—and he told the School what he thought. He insisted that school uniforms be worn. He called for a "quiet time" on Sunday afternoons. He instituted checks on sports equipment to stamp out "borrowing".

Minor enough touches on the tiller, it might be thought. Not by some senior pupils who two weeks ago mounted a midnight demonstration of more than 150 boys in the quadrangle. It does not sound to have been much of a riot: lavatory rolls were thrown and there were chants of "*freedom, freedom, no more* shit". The press had a field day reporting (or rather "misreporting" as the monks feel) the event.

Downside, as Dom Philip explained the other day, is not a public school with a capital "P". It is a monastic school. It has no board of governors, or *to be more precise* the Abbot is the entire board. The school's roots lie in that Rule of St Benedict and a continuous connexion with the Monastery of St Gregory the Great which goes back to the settlement of the monks in France in 1607 and the opening of a school for boys whose faith debarred them from education in England.

It is hardly surprising that the "experiment" of having girls in full-time education at the School should run into difficulties. The 13 girls presently in the sixth form are not boarders in the School but live out with families in the village. That is why Dom Philip finds the present situation so inadequate.

"My own, real worry", he said, "is girls living away from home or else in a corporate body". In the past, the daughters of lay masters at the School have pursued studies there but have continued to live with their parents. That is *the difference and most of the* girls agree with Dom Philip that living out presents real problems.

Anyway, after consulting with the Community and discussing it further with the Abbot, Dom Philip says that he will make a final decision about allowing girls whose families live locally to attend as day pupils.

While making the decision, the Headmaster will no doubt be interested to read, when it appears next Wednesday, the first edition of *Downside Eye*, a newspaper written by and primarily for members of the School. Dom Philip thinks that boys "*are ferociously conservative*". Some of the letters in the *Eye* might surprise him.

The paper's leading article, however, offers something of an *apologia* for this monk who has recently been so hounded by the press.



Dom Philip Jebb: touches on the tiller

"There is a natural human resentment against change", it *states*. "*The boys had become* frustrated with a feeling that Dom Philip was leaving both them and their personal interests out as he proceeded to add new and alter existing School regulations. Nor is it unusual for the boys to feel oppressed when a new Headmaster takes over".

Several girls, both past and present pupils, have contributed to *Downside Eye*. They all seem to take the view that there are too few girls at the School. They also all seem to have enjoyed or be enjoying their time there.

Hounded by reporters and photographers, not to mention television, Dom Philip can hardly have had much time to think of academic excellence. He told me that he is worried about results and wants to improve them. Last year the School had its smallest Oxbridge entry ever; only 10 admissions, three of them scholarships.

A few years ago, one of Dom Philip's predecessors went all out for academic achievement. Discipline and awareness of the essential monastic nature of the School were not priorities. Some people thought it had ceased to be a happy place.

Could it be that Dom Philip's concern for the Rule and the rules will bring about a renaissance? When he insisted recently that he was first and foremost a monk and only a Headmaster because the Abbot had told him to be, he was no doubt thinking of the opening sentence of the Rule of St Benedict: "Listen my son to the instructions of your Master, turn the ear of your heart to the advice of a loving Father, accept it willingly and carry it out vigorously".

John Groser

Sportsview

Why the bull is back in the big time

"Lamotta's life has been so unappetizingly gamy, so foully unpalatable, it bends the conventional limits of social understanding"—*Sports Magazine*, January, 1981.

At 58 Jake Lamotta, who fought Sugar Ray Robinson *five times before surrendering* his world middle weight crown to that brilliant boxing machine in 1951, is making a comeback of sorts. He bears the scars of 100 professional fights. His eyes, nose and ears have been splayed all over his face. He looks like something a five-year-old made out of modelling clay and yet he is doing something most retired boxers dream of: he is having a second crack at fame.

Lamotta is the "hero" of *Raging Bull*, a vivid, brutal depiction of his life in and out of the ring. It is not, by any stretch of the imagination, the kind of romantic yarn that Hollywood usually turns out. The film, which opens in London on February 19, is directed by Martin Scorsese, with Robert De Niro as Lamotta: it is a kind of *Elephant Man* of the fight game. It shows Lamotta as he admits he was, a mean, cruel, animalistic man who mutilated his opponents in the ring and beat up his beautiful blonde wife and his brother out of the ring.

It is sport cinema verité and it would seem to be one of the least sympathetic roles in film history. Yet remarkably, as a result of the film, Lamotta finds himself resurrected from obscurity. And he is enjoying the experience.

To start with, Lamotta, who *lives alone in Manhattan*, received $100,000 from the film company to be technical director on the film. It enabled him to put on the gloves and climb into the ring with method actor De Niro, who trained for the role for five months with the dedication of a man preparing for a title *fight*.

Since the film opened in America to rave reviews (most critics agreed that De Niro will be a leading contender for the 1981 best acting Oscar in March) the Lamotta book, upon which the film is based, has been re-released and is selling well. Lamotta is touring the country to promote the picture, has signed with a Hollywood agent and is being wel*comed in filmtown like a* genuine, 24-carat personality.

His 33-year-old son Jack jr, who now manages his career, said: "The phone hasn't stopped ringing. There's movie parts, TV commercials and dad recently played 'Big Julie', the gangster from Chicago in the musical *Guys and Dolls* in *a road show*". (On the deoit side the American tax man is pursuing him, his fifth wife is seeking alimony and his brother is unhappy with the way he is shown in the film and is suing the film company.)

In the process Lamotta has been trying to explain why he behaved the way he did in the ring and out.

Today Lamotta has slimmed *down to 170 pounds and looks* neat and well tailored in a smart check suit. He puffs a long cigar and says softly: "I was quite stunned when I first saw the film. But it was accurate. It's savage and vicious—but that's the kind of guy I was. I was nasty ... and I'm not proud of it all. But you know, it's like it was a different life for me."

In one scene Lamotta is seen taking a dive in his November 1947 fight against an unknown middleweight, Billy Fox. "Sure I did," he says. "It's no lie. I admitted it to the Kefauver committee investigating mob influences in the fight fame. But I did it so I could get a title shot. It worked. I got my chance and beat Marcel *Cerdan*."

In fact, Lamotta adds that he had to "kick back" some $20,000 of his purse to the promoters. "Once they wanted to match me with Randy Turpin," says Lamotta. "I would have given anyone a chance. But it never came off."

Lamotta floored Sugar Ray in his first meeting; he beat Robinson once, but lost on four other occasions—including the crucial title fight. Not long after losing his crown Lamotta, considered one of the greatest all-action fighters, retired. He put on nearly five stones and took to drink. He divorced his second wife (he has married and divorced three more times since) and was sent to prison on a morals *charge*.

But now he insists he is reformed and basking in the newly found limelight.

"I'm a mellow guy today", he notes, "so mellow I keep falling asleep. Now I have the patience of a saint. You'll lose your temper before me. I lost the title in 1951", he says in his thick Bronx accent, "and 30 years later I got it back again."

Ivor Davis



Jake Lamotta in his heyday and (right) as portrayed by Robert De Niro in Raging Bull

Letter from Algiers

First find the map of the Casbah

Algiers is a good place to get lost in—largely because it is almost impossible to beg, buy or borrow a map of the place. Stealing is a different matter, but more of that later.

The city is built on a hill and, if it cannot be hid, it nevertheless hides a multitude of things, especially its street plans. Also, because it is built on the seaward side of the hill, it affords a magnificent series *of views of the Mediterranean* plus calf-searing exercise for the lost walker.

Down the ages the hillside has clearly dominated the outlook of the town-planners, who were forced to zigzag the roads running up from the seafront along routes which would make the most homesick mountain goat feel at ease.

Given that walking the hillside tends to be the dominant memory of the visitor it is perhaps surprising to discover that the city's name is derived from the Arabic *el-djejzair*, which means "the islands." But it was the myriad of little islands then to be found in the bay which first attracted Emir Bologuin Ibn Ziri to build there in 935 AD.

Queueing for berths

Since then the islands have been joined together and incorporated into the port, which currently has its work more than cut out to accommodate the merchant fleets queueing for berths. At night the whole bay—viewed of course from the hillside—seems like a bright city with the lights shining out from 50 or more ships anchored there waiting their turn.

The islands have largely disappeared and so, too, has the reason which led some gallic poetic soul to nickname the city *Alger la Blanche*. It is still true that nearly every building was once painted white, with blue window frames and cream doorways, but it is many a year since most of them saw a paintbrush, especially round the Casbah.

In fairness the winter months are not the best for visiting usually sunny Algeria. Rain cascades down that hillside like so many mini-niagaras and most of them seem to fall out into the Casbah.

In the words of the official guide book, the Casbah is a "white triangle surmounted by minarets offering so many stairways going down towards the sea, with the terraces of its close-pressed houses, clinging to the djebel, leaning over the streets, noisy and passionate with the exciting perfumes of incense, musk and spices, arousing an insatiable curiosity".

The Casbah at the height of a winter rainstorm is not quite like that. The perfumes are not all "passionate". No polite guide book could describe them. The mud is clinging. White triangles are not over-evident.

But minarets are. Algiers, for all that the French rebuilt the waterside with a long, graceful out-of-place collonade, is rich in its mosques. They are warm and bright and well-used by young and old—although *outside the fisherman's mosque* one very wet afternoon a young couple could be seen kissing with greater devotion than they were showing for the amplified calls to prayer from the loudspeaker on the nearby minaret.

The Casbah in the rain seems somehow more true to its past than the Casbah in the sunshine. The mud, the murkiness in dark alleyways where once the FLN found safe refuge but where Frenchmen feared to tread, the wet cats picking over rubbish heaps, the suddenly bright windows of goldsmiths' shops defying the gloom, the damp air of the market place, heavy with the smell of oranges, the men, their brown burnous splattered with mud sitting in fluorescent-lit cafes sipping tea—all this creates a teeming atmosphere that would evaporate in the sunshine.

Largely a sixteenth century Turkish creation, the Casbah is said to have inspired one of the great architects of the present century, Le Corbusier. His ideas of living togetherness in apartment blocks are, indeed, the obvious result of a close study of everyday Casbah life.

Life on a hillside may be hard on the calf muscles of the aging tourist but it is spendid for children who teem everywhere in Algiers. It provides a marvellous toboggan course for homemade wheeled soapboxes or for skateboards. A piece of cardboard or a collapsed plastic bottle are all that is necessary to turn a steep slope into a *slide*.

The other mainstay of play is a small round shiny tobacco tin used as a marker for the endless games of hopscotch on every pavement, or as a kind of puck for impromptu sidewalk hockey. Alternatively, small plastic bags stuffed with old socks make footballs which do not roll away down the slope if a player misses them.

For the foot tourist, however, getting lost is childsplay. Especially with no maps available in the many bookshops. Histories of the revolution in Albania, the Yemen or North Korea are plentiful. One shop even offers a blueprint for a rebellion in New York. But no shop offers a street map of the Casbah, and even policemen profess not to know the way through all of it.

Eventually the persistent map-seeker may discover that there is a rough one in the back of the official guide—the only problem is to get hold of a copy. One tourist office had them littered in its shop window but they were not for sale. Ever helpful, the counter clerk volunteered: "If monsieur would like to pick one up and put it in his pocket, *monsieur would probably find* I was looking the other way at the time".

Men with blue paint

The map is rain splattered now, although it was of little use. Some years ago now in a fit of nationalistic zeal men with blue paint brushed out all the lettering of the street names written in French so that only those who can read Arabic can discover where they are.

Moreover the network of alleyways and lanes obviously proved too much for the poor mapmaker to submit to paper. The entire area is therefore rendered as an appropriately coloured brown smudge.

The best advice for the lost tourist, therefore, is not to steal a map but to follow the children as they *ride or* slide down the hillside towards the sea. Once the Mediterranean comes into view at the far end of a staircase the persistent walker should be able to find himself before long beside the seaside and a taxi rank. Or a stop for one of those little *green buses that crawl slowly* up the hillside full of people.

Ian Murray

Cornering the dogfight market

Out of the sky a noisy grey smudge appears on a low approach to the runway. As it gets nearer white smoke billows from an engine; a single wheel of its undercarriage folds down. The roar of this lumbering giant, the B-17 Fly*ing Fortress*, is deafening as it makes to land. One of its four radial engines stutters.

Suddenly, from out of the sun comes a high-pitched screaming as two ... three ... four Japanese Zero fighters dive for the kill. Their machine guns fire on the stricken B-17 as its solitary landing wheel grazes the tarmac. The audience gasps as the B-17 skids along the runway. The pilot pushes forward the throttles; all engines roar to full power and the B-17 pulls away. The fighters soar into the clouds and out of sight.

The Flying Fortress, one of the few left, survives to fly another day.

It is all part of the show—one of America's most famous flying displays, the 1980 Confederate Air Force Airshow, featured tomorrow night in *The World About Us* on BBC 2.

The place is Rebel Field—Harlington international airport, Texas, in the fertile lower Rio Grande Valley on the Mexican border. The aircraft are part of the Confederate Air Force "Ghost Squadron" based there.

It began with the purchase of a war-surplus North American P-51 Mustang by Lloyd Nolan and a group of pilots soon after the Second World War. Gradually, as the club grew, more aircraft were added.

By 1963, the collection of American WWII fighters was complete, and the CAF turned its interest to light and medium bombers. Finally, they expanded to include all combat aircraft of the war, from both the Allied and Axis powers.

By 1970, the CAF had established itself in a flight museum in Harlingen, with local chapters in other parts of the United States and the world. The British wing was recently inaugurated at Wellesbourne Mountford airfield near Stratford-upon-Avon.

Each year more than 100,000 spectators travel to Harlingen during the October Columbus Day weekend to watch the airshow. It is unique in re-creating actual air battles, as accurate and vivid as any staged for a film. Massive explosive charges are touched off on the ground to simulate bomb blasts, while the public address broadcasts machine-gun fire. As many as 30 or 40 piston-driven aircraft fill the sky at the same time.

The programme usually starts with a lone biplane with Spanish Republican markings zooming over the 40,000 spectators. The commentator asks them to close their eyes for 10 seconds and open them during the Spanish Civil War. Close on the tail of the biplane is a Messerschmitt ME109 of the German Condor Legion. As the biplane makes a second pass the machine guns fire, the aircraft disappears behind a hill *and there is a spectacular* explosion.

Other scenes depict the attack on Pearl Harbour, the Battle of Britain, the Battles of Midway and the Coral Sea. The CAF achieved notoriety in October 1976, when it simulated the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, led by its B-29, piloted by General Paul Tibbets who originally piloted "Enola Gay" on August 6, 1945.

The Japanese Government lodged a formal complaint with the United States Embassy in Tokyo, which expressed regret for any offence caused.

It is not unknown for one of the CAF's "wars" to be called off for 15 minutes while a Western Airlines Boeing 737 lands, with Japanese Zero fighters and B-17s circling until it was down.

In the words of the CAF: "The shooting began with a lightning attack by three Stukas on a bridge in Poland, and ended with the flight of a lone B-29 over a city in Japan. It was a terrible time. It was a wonderful time. And everyone who lived it agrees on this: It was a time to remember."

Ted Trott



In action again: a P-40 Warhawk, one of the legendary Flying Tigers of the Second World War



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GOVERNMENTS CANNOT OPT OUT

it closures have always been n emotive issue in the coal dustry. Recent events have ombined to produce a situation which an enforced programme pit closures could bring Mrs hatcher's government and the ational Union of Mineworkers to serious conflict. Until now, rs Thatcher has avoided a raight confrontation with the iners, though her government is tested during its first year a national steel strike.

Despite some early warning gns in the closing stages of last ar, the seriousness of the crisis coal has erupted onto the political stage with surprising suddenness. Economic forces have effect invalidated the assumptions on which the Government sed its strategic plan for the dustry embodied in last year's al Act. No one, however, predicted, when that Act reached e statute book, the speed with hich it would be overtaken by ents.

Coal output has been rising pressively. Even productivity, an industry which over past ars has established a national putation for absenteeism, has en rising rapidly as well. In ct the problems of the National al Board spring from the combination of falling external mand and rising internal production. A greatly improved dustrial performance has come a serious victim of the esent recession. The fall in the mand for electricity and for eel, the two biggest industrial nsumers of coal, have had a sastrous effect on demand. This s been reinforced by the effects the exceptionally mild winter. e combined effect of this arply lower demand is that ndistributed stocks of coal will some 6 million tonnes higher than normal at the end of this winter.

The strategy for coal embodied in the Coal Act was based on the phasing out of the taxpayer's direct support for the industry, which was enjoined in effect to put itself onto a self-supporting financial basis by 1983-84. Meanwhile the National Coal Board was expected to operate within tight limits on how much it could borrow to finance the difference between its expenditure and its income. This so-called external financing limit for the coal industry was raised by £50m this year, a figure much less than the total adverse effect of a deeper recession than was generally expected.

The coal crisis faces the government with a serious test of its policy towards industry. On the one hand it is committed to holding down to the maximum degree possible the calls that the public sector in general and nationalized industries in particular make on the public purse. On the other hand it can make no sense for the short-term operation of government financial controls to be operated in such a way as to inflict serious and permanent damage on an industry with coal's strategic significance.

The Government's instinct is to avoid, if possible, the consideration of such issues in the context of an industrial policy. This instinct is strongly shared by the Industry Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph. The philosophy which the Government sought to apply to such questions was that industries such as coal should be set stringent financial targets and then left to take the necessary steps to meet them. In this setting it is thought to be no concern of the Government, but only of Sir Derek Ezra and his board, how the NCB comes to terms with the financial problems that flow from the unexpectedly deep recession.

In practice, however, if the financial strait-jacket in which the NCB finds itself forces events into a pattern which leads to a national coal strike, the Government will in the end be involved. In cases where a government is going to be embroiled at the end, it is usually good politics for it to have some notion from the start of how it intends to handle matters. The lesson of the steel strike was that the waverings of government policy were confusing to the participants. The Government should adopt a clear and consistent line which it believes it can adhere to no matter how long a dispute may last.

In the present circumstances the Government should consider whether the doctrine developed by Mr Francis Pym in his speech this week to Putney Conservatives should not be applied to the coal industry. He suggested that policies and doctrines might have to be modified to fit the realities of the political and industrial situation. Following this line of argument it would be reasonable for the Government to temper the wind of the recession somewhat and adjust the financial limits a bit. On the other hand it must be right that the coal industry should be required to adjust to the now lower trend line of demand for coal in the foreseeable future. The National Union of Miners must be convinced that this government is not going to use taxpayers' money to finance the production of coal for which there is no evidence of any likely future demand.

WOBBLES AND DIVISIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED

n her welcoming speech last londay to the non-aligned oreign ministers' conference in ew Delhi Mrs Gandhi complained that all such meetings f the non-aligned countries were fflicted by the attempt of the ig powers "to sow suspicion d division" among the members. After yesterday's declaration was finally agreed she might w be willing to concede that ite enough division exists thin the movement these days, atever unspecified actions ay be attributed to the big wers.

With its inflated membership ninety-six states, the ideals rn at Bandung in 1955 and affirmed at the first conference of non-aligned countries in 61 have been progressively luted. The fact that Cuba could the host country for the 1979 n-aligned summit was sign ough of that. And at that meeting it was necessary to deplore war between Somalia and thiopia, as in Delhi it has been cessary to find that Iran and aq, equally, are not devoid of iginal sin.

Of course, few of the governments represented in Delhi are ithout some bias in their world view. The question: on whose side are you non-aligned would not often be indignantly dismissed as an Irish joke. For all that, the non-aligned movement as defined by its founders, Tito, Nehru and Nasser, has not been without effect in the past as a steadying influence in times of tension. With its much larger membership it seems likely to be less influential.

Circumstances as well as members have changed. In the first half of its twenty years existence, covert CIA action in "destabilizing" governments—not to mention the earlier eviction from power of Moussadek in Iran—pointed criticism more often at the Americans, and the western powers generally, than at the Russians or their close allies. Since Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the American withdrawal from Vietnam, the movement has become more ready to find fault with the Russians. The Russians, in turn, have insisted that the movement should be guided by "progressive principles": the danger lies only in reactionary forces such as imperialism and capitalism. In 1979 Cuba did not succeed in lining up the movement behind the opinion that the Soviet Union was the "natural ally" of the non-aligned.

Now Kampuchea and Afghanistan have put Vietnam and the Soviet Union in the dock. Both were clear-cut issues deserving of condemnation by the non-aligned. But the condemnation has not been as forthright as it should have been. As the host country India has been partly to blame both for trying to mute criticism of the Russians and by being out of step with all her Asian neighbours in recognizing the Heng Samrin government set up by Vietnamese military power in Kampuchea.

It is partly a tribute to the non-aligned movement that shifts of power in many small countries can now happen without exciting much tension among any major powers, communist or non-communist. Such governments are necessarily shifting in their pro-western or pro-communist sympathies. If this tolerance is to become habitual at least the non-aligned must be firm in holding to their principle that invasion by an outside power is an unacceptable way of changing a government however bad a government it may be.

A SURREALIST DREAM DISSOLVES

t is impossible to repress a keen ense of opportunity lost over the ews that thirty-four surrealist aintings from the Edward James llection are to go to the London leroom next month. The works, cluding some of the finest in e collection, would have had a rominent place in the great bortive project of the mid-eventies to build a dome in ussex to house the entire llection. It would have been e greatest gallery of surrealism the world, and since the llector now devotes himself to ontriving and building works of ntastic architecture in the lexican jungle, it would no oubt have been an invention orthy to compare with that ther domed treasure-house not r along the coast in Brighton.

The blame for the failure of at project must be shared, in roportions hard now to assign, etween proprietorial obstinacy nd official bureaucracy. The ffer to build the museum was unificent, but it carried the ondition that the Government hould bear the running costs. hese were expected to be comparable to the annual grant made y the Arts Council to a minor rovincial theatre, but the principle of permanent subsidy to a private gallery—even one owned, as this would have been, by a charitable foundation—was unacceptable to the Government, and the offer was rejected. Some of the paintings might perhaps have been sold to provide an endowment for the display of the rest. At any rate, no way round the difficulty was found, and the failure doomed the collection.

The trustees of the foundation have always been generous (like Mr James himself) in making the pictures available on loan, and their intention is to keep a nucleus together permanently. But their primary concern is the college of crafts which has first claim on the revenues of the foundation; and the collection has for some years gradually been breaking up. It is not known how much further the process is to go.

It is wrong to get too worked up about the "loss" of works of art, when that means no more than that they pass from the care of one appreciative owner to another. Nor can the chauvinist drum be beaten very loudly for work by foreign artists, brought to Britain within the past fifty years. The gaps in our national holding of work by the great surrealists have already been somewhat repaired by the readiness of the owners to sell works from the James collection privately to the nation.

But a great collection is more than the sum of its parts. The dispersal of earlier collections—Charles I's paintings, Sir Thomas Lawrence's drawings—still sometimes rankles faintly, centuries later. The influence of surrealism on us all is attested by current vogues in beer and cigarette advertising, as much as by the popular success of last year's Dali show at the Tate. Works commissioned or bought by an associate of the artists, as in this case, gain an additional significance from the fact, and from being massed together, which the well-balanced holdings of public collections often lack. This can be seen in the haunting concentration of surrealist pictures and artefacts from the James collection in the Brighton Museum—but that concentration has already been thinned by small problems to do with space and administration. Thinking of the dome under which those works and the others in the saleroom catalogues might have been permanently gathered, it is hard not to gnash the teeth.

Bear facts

From Mr Laurence Irving

ir, In your journal of record January 31) your readers were ravely misled, albeit unwittingly, y Mr John Rae, the headmaster f Westminster School, on a matter f historical significance—namely e emergence of Pooh.

After the First World War, E. V. ucas often invited me to accompany him to the Zoo. It was an outing not to be missed. For his friendships with the keepers opened to s the gates to a zoo within the on unknown to the general public. ur favourite inmate was a brown ear that had her den in the bowels f the Mappin Terraces where she eceived us and our proffered titbits with engaging courtesy. She ad been the mascot of a Canadian egiment and had been left in the are of the Zoological Society. Her ame was Winnie.

In 1926 a tuneful Scottish laird, larold Fraser-Simpson, asked me to design the settings and costumes for a revue, *Vaudeville Vanities*, for which he had composed the music of two ballets, "A Venetian Wedding" and "The King's Breakfast". Among those who had contributed sketches and lyrics for this production were John Hastings Turner and Alan Milne: both were my friends and fellow members of the Garrick Club. Their children, Anne and "Billy" (Christopher Robin), respectively, were about the same age as our daughter Pamela. During the long run of the revue, to celebrate Pamela's fifth birthday, my wife and I invited Anne, Billy and their mamas to join us in a visit to the zoo prior to a tea party in our home at Cumberland Terrace.

I had planned with a friendly keeper that the final *coup de théâtre* of our expedition would be the presentation of the children to Winnie in her lair. In due course they followed our guide into the dark cavern leading to the iron grill of Winnie's cage. When he opened it Winnie, as was her custom, ambled out to greet her visitors. No doubt, in the narrow confines of the tunnel, to the children she appeared monstrous. The girls held their ground. Billy wavered, retreated a step or two, then overcame his awe and joined the girls in feeding and making much of the docile bear. Our guests declared that it had been a wonderful surprise.

The first hint I received of its historical consequences was from John Hastings Turner. With mischievous glee he described to me how at another party Billy's mother, Daphne, had recounted that confrontation and its endearing climax when her Billy had embraced Winnie as he sighed ecstatically: "Oh Pooh!"

The rest is delightful nonsense.

Yours etc,
LAURENCE IRVING,
The Lea, Wittersham,
Kent.
February 2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prospects and personalities in political leadership

From Mr David Alton, MP for Liverpool, Edge Hill (Liberal)

Sir, In the leadership election which was held by the Liberal Party, where each member of the party had one vote, only two constituencies voted unanimously for either of the candidates. Mr David Steel's own constituency of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles voted unanimously for Mr Steel, and Liverpool, Edge Hill, voted unanimously for Mr John Pardoe.

Since that election Mr Steel has led the Liberal Party with great vigour and ability. His success is clearly recognized outside the party as well: in a recent opinion poll twice as many people expressed their confidence in Mr Steel as in either Mrs Thatcher or Mr Foot; and in a poll reported in your own columns earlier this week (February 9) some 21 per cent of the people interviewed said that they would vote for Mr Steel's Liberal Party.

With the foregoing in mind, I found your recent leader (February 10) reviewing our political leaders remarkable for its omission of any reference to Mr Steel. Your own ORAC poll the previous day showed that Mr Steel remains the public's favourite choice, if narrowly, over Mrs Williams as leader of any new alliance. So what claim can be made for Mrs Williams's preferential treatment in your columns?

Certainly, she has been a Cabinet minister while Mr Steel has not. Mr. Steel, on the other hand, has the credit of having led a lonely election fight by the Liberals, and having warned repeatedly against the present political divisions which the social democrats have only belatedly come to recognize.

Is that, perhaps, why the Liberal leader remains the first preference of the electorate? Consistency against the odds is recognized in preference to vacillation on the part of those who enjoyed the fruits of the old order.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ALTON,
House of Commons.
February 12.

From Mr Vernon Bartlett

Sir, Your impressive opinion poll (report, February 9) recording a lead for the Liberals and the social democrats together over both the Conservative and the Labour parties, seems to derive from two different causes. One, of course, is the general dislike of the undemocratic tendencies shown by Mr Benn and his followers. The other cause is the loss of respect for the House of Commons itself which has developed since broadcasting of parliamentary debates began.

Previously, public opinion had not sufficiently realized the extent to which the two-party system encourages—almost compels—MPs to behave like supporters of rival football teams. The degree to which the few Liberal members were able to impose checks on the Labour Government during the "winter of discontent" did something, but not enough, to persuade electors that a vote for a centre party was not a wasted vote. Now, for the first time since the war, there is a real possibility that the next Parliament will contain a majority of members who actually want to agree.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON BARTLETT,
Middle Barn,
Rimpton,
Yeovil,
Somerset.
February 9.

From Mr J. C. Stott

Sir, For sheer bumbling cant your editorial, "The sooner the better" (February 10) will take some beating.

Since the early sixties this nation has faced two fundamental problems: the growth in the power of the unions, which has curtailed freedom and increased unemployment; and the growth of inflation. Successive governments have attempted to tackle these two problems but have, when the going got difficult, "cut and run".

We now have a Prime Minister who has shown courage and determination in dealing with these fundamental issues. She has grasped that there is no soft option, that to fudge is simply to retreat. The short-term effect is predictably painful and unpopular.

This is the moment *The Times* chooses to nail its flag to Mrs Williams's mast.

Mrs Williams's attitude to the unions (notably during Grunwick) and her wish to destroy what is left of the private schools show her metal clearly enough, but since she is, to *The Times*, "always kind", that doesn't much matter.

Crucially, she is not afflicted with that "undue decisiveness" which "often causes disaster in a democracy". This certainly distinguishes her from the present Prime Minister; but few would claim that "undue decisiveness" has been the British disease for the last two decades.

The British have indeed lost confidence in themselves, precisely because of the soft centre's incapacity to resist inflation and the erosion of freedom. Mrs Williams has always belonged to this soft centre, as has Mr Steel. *The Times* has not. Second thoughts from you would be welcome.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. STOTT,
Chantry Mews,
High Street,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
February 10.

From Mrs Jenny Lee

Sir, "Mrs Thatcher is a health visitor" (your leader, February 10). Mrs Thatcher is *not* a health visitor. Your metaphor is grossly inaccurate, your understanding of the qualities needed and often found in health visitors is nil.

Mrs Shirley Williams is the health visitor—"human, kind, compassionate, often courageous", a person "that very large numbers of . . . people can relate to".

You are without doubt more accurate in describing Mrs Thatcher as "the kind of nurse who bounces you out of bed the *day after the* operation", this treatment, incidentally, being of great benefit to the majority of post-op patients!

Yours faithfully,
JENNY LEE,
Sconce Cottage,
Devon Park,
Newark,
Nottinghamshire.

From Mr Jeremy Tigue

Sir, You pay tribute to the undoubted political abilities and personal attributes of Mrs Shirley Williams and describe her as a person whom "very large numbers of British people can relate to, can give their confidence to". If this is so can anyone explain why she lost her seat at the 1979 general election?

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY TIGUE,
St Benet's Hall,
38 St Giles,
Oxford.
February 11.

From Mr R. M. J. Kenber

Sir, I am sure your leader, yesterday (February 10) about Shirley Williams will have struck responsive chords in many hearts. Of course, *bumbling kindness sounds* nice—but can we afford it? Would she be able to—indeed, would she want to?—persuade the nation to work harder and more efficiently, or would she prefer "pleasantness all round" at the expense of *further, steady decline in our* fortunes?

Yours faithfully,
R. M. J. KENBER,
54 Bathgate Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.

From Mrs Jean McEwen

Sir, Your leading article of February 10 was appreciated, but I must challenge the remark, "Mrs Thatcher is a health visitor—the kind of nurse who bounces you out of bed the day after the operation".

Health visitors work in the field of prevention, giving health education and social advice. They need the qualities you attribute to Mrs Williams—good nature, friendliness and compassion—to be always *human and always kind.* With other methods they achieve nothing.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN McEWEN, (Health visitor),
Pool Cottage,
Tewin-Water,
Welwyn,
Hertfordshire.
February 10.

From Mr Leslie Littlewood

Sir, Once the fellow-travelling fifth column, more efficient by far than the *fascist auxiliaries of Emilio* Mola, had forced the abandonment of "proscription", the Labour Party had in its midst a Trojan horse and the battle was lost.

Those now in control want Mrs Williams and others to stay inside *and continue the struggle. This* could only lead to the submersion and neutralization of the social democratic element. Rather than hang around like Cassandra, Shirley will do better, like a latter-day Aeneas, to set out on her wanderings, in the hope of establishing a new and more powerful political community which will survive long after her (and my) former party is razed and forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE LITTLEWOOD,
35 Arthur Court,
Queensway, W2.
February 11.

From Mr Alexander Schouvaloff

Sir, Your leader on Tuesday (February 10) said that Mr Foot models himself on "Sir Henry Irving's well-loved performance as King Lear".

Laurence Irving says this of his grandfather's performance:

Henry Arthur Jones wrote that on this night he was "slow, laboured, mannered, uninspired, screechy, forcibly feeble, failing chiefly where all representations of Lear fail". Irving seemed to fling away all restraint, yet in agitation strength eluded him and he was smothered by the monstrous tempests of his own contriving. When he came before the curtain at the end of the play, Irving said to his audience, who were weary and baffled by three hours of inaudibility and incoherence: "If our humble efforts have been able to suggest to anyone here assembled one of the countless beauties of this titanic work, we have indeed been amply repaid"; a voice from the auditorium cried, *more in* sorrow than in anger: "Why didn't you speak like that before?" A murmur of assent ran through the house. The audience melted away, bewildered by what they had seen and had not heard.

As far as your comparison is concerned there musht be shome mishtake, shurely.

Yours faithfully,
A. SCHOUVALOFF,
59 Lyndhurst Grove, SE15.

From Mr Arthur Freeman

Sir, It may be tempting but it would be misleading to emphasize the topicality of the reference in *Man and Superman* (letter, February 10) to "three social democrats" who "are not on speaking terms" and who "have now put before us three distinct and incompatible views of social-democracy".

When the play was written, at the beginning of the century, social democrats were not what they are now. As represented by the social democratic parties on the Continent and the Social Democratic *Federation in this country, they* were extremists on the left of the socialist movement, rather than moderates in its centre as they became after the Russian Revolution, or renegades on its right as they have become today. Shaw was in fact describing the sectarian Marxists of his day, who haven't changed much in 80 years, even if the name they once used has been adopted by their enemies.

Yours, etc.
ARTHUR FREEMAN,
84B Whitechapel High Street, E1.

From Mrs M. M. Checksfield

Sir, In your leader (February 10) you mention three points on which you might be at variance with a new social-democratic party while taking the rough with the smooth. But surely a fundamental principle is involved.

I know that education is (perhaps fortunately) small beer in political programmes, but for a government to assume monopoly in any department of life concerned with minds (press, religion, education) in an act of tyranny; the abolition of the right to set up or maintain private institutions of education is an assault on freedom itself befitting *only an authoritarian country.*

Debating whether people buy a superior education, or whether independent schools are socially divisive, is secondary to the preservation of the basic right of parents to educate their children *as they think fit. Religious safe*guards are not enough; there are other articles of educational faith. To imply that it is acceptable for people to spend what money they have on luxury cars or expensive holidays, but not permissible to *spend it on their children's educa*tion, is an affront to all who care for either freedom or culture.

Liberalism used to stand for the rights of the individual. Now we wait for "liberals" to utter a liberal word. There must be a considerable number of people who would wish to join a *middle* party, but only if this totalitarian threat is removed.

Yours faithfully,
M. M. CHECKSFIELD,
16 Cedar Way,
Henfield, Sussex.

From Mrs Nancy Irwin

Sir, Mr Cross's offer (February 6) of the Co-operative Party as a suitable vehicle for Labour Party dis*sidents is less than fair to either* party.

His criticism of the Labour Party as "corporatist and undemocratic" actually applies best to the present unfortunate structure of the Co-operative Party, whose annual con*ference card votes are based not on* delegates, or even membership, but on the amount of retail sales of association Co-op societies. How can a trade union block vote be criticized by a cornflake-sale vote?

Secondly, invocation of the Rochdale Pioneers is irrelevant, where it is not misleading: a Rochdale principle (wrong to my mind, but their principle, none the less) was political neutrality—scarcely the ideal launching pad for a political party, however vague and mawkish its views.

Co-operative ideals are the antithesis of the views peddled by these "moderates". We believe that ownership and control is best vested entirely in workers and consumers—our Co-operative commonwealth has no place for private profit; that participatory democracy is not an ideal objective, but an everyday fact; that we can best work for peace by not making war—and on that basis stand for immediate unilateral nuclear disarmament.

I suspect the Gang of Three would find us Co-operators uncomfortable bedfellows. We're not as tolerant as we look, especially when it comes to capitalism.

Yours faithfully,
NANCY IRWIN,
11 Chisholm Road, Croydon.

Care of ancient monuments

From Mr Andrew Selkirk

Sir, There are two answers to the problems currently facing ancient monuments, a short-term one, and a long-term one. The short-term answer was given to me by a young lady who was the curator of a monument, who said how disappointed she was that she was not allowed to do any gardening: she was forced to spend her days, bored to the back teeth, knitting and reading, while outside workmen did the garden. Let the curators do gardening and maintenance—the modern archaeologist is versatile—and costs could fall rapidly. Unfortunately there are, of course, the public service unions to deal with, which is why Mr Heseltine is trying to hive off sites wherever possible.

In the longer term we must all realize that a fundamental shift in economics is taking place. Since the first Ancient Monuments Act in 1882 the list of ancient monuments *has grown longer and longer*, with new ones added every year. This cannot go on *ad infinitum*. The party's over, and we must face a future in which government spending will at most remain stable, but is rather more likely to decline steadily for the rest of our lifetimes. This means that those of us who wish to conserve the past, must do something about it ourselves, and local archaeological societies up and down the country must be prepared to take over ancient monuments, as they so often did in the 1930s.

Can I make two requests? Firstly, can the Ancient Monuments Board extract from the Department of the Environment the profit-and-loss account for each guardianship monument so we can begin to see the parameters of the problem? And secondly, will Mr Heseltine please continue to keep in cold storage the half-baked Ancient Monuments Act that was rushed through, virtually unexamined, in the closing hours of the last Parliament? As he has so astutely twigged, if this were to be activated, it would make matters worse.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SELKIRK, Editor,
Current Archaeology,
9 Nassington Road, NW3.
February 11.

New paths for old

From Dr A. W. Williams

Sir, There has been much concern about public footpaths during the progress through Parliament of the Wildlife and Countryside Bill (leading article, February 2; Cyril Bainbridge's article, November 8, 1980: etc).

But is the rigorous preservation of every ancient right of way the best way to safeguard public access to the countryside? These old tracks, routed from farm to farm, to school, to church, to market owe their alignment to the purposes they originally served and the local farming pattern of that time. Many are still so used and perhaps always will be. But as actual traceable paths (as opposed to rights of way) very many have totally disappeared, despite the contrary evidence of Ordnance Survey maps and bold new council notice boards. Walkers are thus lured on to trackless moor or farmland from which they emerge to the likely detriment of a wall or fence they are obliged to climb.

Many of the rights of way are inconvenient and quite unnecessary encroachments upon cultivation or grazing. Some go right through the farmyard, some even across the front or back doorstep of the house, inviting gross intrusion upon work *or privacy. What is certain is that* they were never aligned to meet the particular interests of present-day country walkers, and a great many of them do not serve those interests particularly well.

So let the local councils be *empowered to close particular* rights of way, but let them be empowered also, *and required*, to substitute alternative or new ones better aligned for today's circumstances, where a present functional or recreational case is made. And to see that they are maintained as discernible tracks with stiles or functioning gates to conserve fencing, and necessary footbridges.

Perhaps Ordnance Survey maps might then become, in time, practical guides where to walk and not to walk, instead of the interesting historical records they now are of our forbears' manner of life.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. WILLIAMS,
Henshaw,
Bardon Mill,
Hexham, Northumberland.

Arts Council grant

From Mr Charles Osborne

Sir, Mr Derek Parker (February 11) may be reassured to know what the Editor of *The London Magazine* already knows, which is that the Arts Council has no plans to discontinue subsidy to the magazine, which it has subsidized continuously since 1965. If *The London Magazine* ceases publication in the near future it will not be because it is in any danger of losing its Arts Council grant.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES OSBORNE,
Literature Director,
Arts Council of Great Britain,
9 Long Acre, WC2.
February 11.

Was that a record?

From Mr P. J. A. Smith

Sir, Mr Oliver Weaver, writing from Lincoln's Inn (February 11), apparently finds it droll that the new Companies Bill should empower the registrar to destroy a document which he has kept for more than 10 years but require him to keep a copy of it. It is, in fact, very sensible and I am sure the time will come when even the ivory towers of Lincoln's Inn are penetrated by the news of microfilm and its advantages.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. A. SMITH,
7 The Strand, Rye,
East Sussex.
February 11.

Cutting reply

From Mr R. P. Rhodes

Sir, Your article in "Social Focus" (February 11) accused Southern Gas of disconnecting the supply of gas to a customer simply because she forgot to pay her bill over Christmas. This is nonsense and is a gross misjustice to those people on my staff who have the difficult job of disconnecting gas supplies to *customers who refuse to pay for the* gas they use.

Our powers of disconnection are used responsibly and as a last resort, only after we have tried to come to an acceptable arrangement with the customer to pay for the debt. A code of practice safeguards supplies to those customers who are in genuine need of assistance and the National Gas Consumers' Council has not come across a single case where the code has been contravened by Southern Gas.

Before disconnecting a gas supply the customer receives: a final reminder; a letter warning that the supply could be disconnected; copies of the code of practice; and a notice of the date when disconnection may take place. If we have any doubts at all we also notify the Department of Health and Social Security of our intention to cut off a supply and advise the customer to do the same. Disconnection does not take place where the DHSS is able to assist.

The gas industry is fully aware of its social responsibilities and acts accordingly, but without the powers to disconnect supplies our paying customers would be required to subsidize the tiny minority who do not pay and this would be an unfair burden on them.

The number of gas disconnections is not, in fact, on an upward trend as stated in your article, and the facts of the case referred to are very different from those you reported.

Yours faithfully,
R. P. RHODES,
Chairman, Southern Gas,
Rivermill House,
152 Grosvenor Road, SW1.
February 13.

Seeing red

From Mr Bruce Martin

Sir, As designer in 1965 of the mark 8 telephone kiosk, I object to the suggestion, once again (report, February 11) that the kiosks should be painted yellow.

I turned the idea down at that time on the reasonable grounds that the colour red is associated with royalty and the Crown, is the stand*ard colour for kiosks in this country*, is easy to recognize in time of need or in a strange place, and is a dark hue that does not readily show dirt as would yellow.

These arguments were accepted in 1965 and it would be interesting to know who is still chasing this hare and why he suspects that the people of Manchester and Liverpool are likely to bolster his endeavour.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE MARTIN,
The Old Cottage,
Bury Green,
Little Hadham, Ware,
Hertfordshire.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 13: His Excellency, Mr Ali Arshad was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Pakistan to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Amir Usman (Minister), Mr Qutbuddin Aziz (Minister—Information), Commodore Sajjad Akbar (Defence and Naval Attaché), Mr Muhammad Qurban (Counsellor), Mr Wajahat Latif (Counsellor), Mr M. Zafar Iqbal (Counsellor) and Mr Hafeezullah (Counsellor).

Begum Arshad had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir John Graham (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Right Hon Sir Angus Maude, MP had an audience of The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Paymaster General.

The Hon George Fergusson had the honour of being received by Her Majesty and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late father.

The Lord Skelmersdale had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Queen this afternoon opened the two millionth house built under the National House-Building Council Ten Year Purchaser Protection Scheme at Buckingham Road, Hampton, Middlesex.

Her Majesty was received by the Mayor of Richmond-upon-Thames (Councillor Mrs Nora Miller) and the Chairman of the National House-Building Council (Sir Peter Trench), and, after unveiling a commemorative plaque, viewed an exhibition of the Council's work.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robert Fellowes and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Salford, today visited the University and chaired the Annual Court Meeting.

Major John Cargin was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon from Kuwait.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir John Clark, 55; Lord Garner, 73; Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, 58; Mr Kevin Keegan, 30; Professor Sir Charles Oatley, 77; the Hon Hanning Philipps, 77; Professor R. J. V. Pulvertaft, 84; Dr Albert Sloman, 60; Sir Nicol Stenhouse, 70.

TOMORROW: Sir Max Aitken, 71; Sir Harold Beeley, 72; Miss Claire Bloom, 50; Sir Stephen Brown, 75; Mr Frank Dunlop, 54; Sir Douglas Howard, 84; His Honour Christmas Humphreys, 80; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, 60; Sir Hannibal Scicluna, 101; Sir Walter Stansfield, 64; Sir George Taylor, 77; Professor Sir Harold Thompson, 73; the Right Rev R. W. Woods, 67.

Latest wills

Dr John Francis Varley, of Leiston, Suffolk, left estate valued at £595,695 net. After smaller bequests he left the residue equally between the National Trust, RSPB and Cambridge Preservation Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Balding, Mr Richard Courtney, of Christchurch, Dorset, company director £200,634

Deighton, Mr Dennis William, of Bridgwater, Somerset .. £200,839

Hawkins, Mr Horace Leslie, of Bishopsworth, Bristol .. £140,447

May, Mrs Ernestine Bertha, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire £160,662

Mitchell, Mr George Frederic, of Loughborough, Gloucestershire £157,991

Noyce, Mr Reginald William, of New Milton, Hampshire, hotelier £190,056

The ministry and the service of the Word

It is unfortunate that many of those who have worked long and patiently to restore the unity of the Christian Church in this country should have concentrated their thoughts (and their votes) around the single question of the validity of ministerial orders. Solve that problem, it has been said, and all others will be solved. The Second Vatican Council had only to reverse *Apostolicae Curae*, and it would have taken its place for ever in the annals of English history. John Paul II has only to do what the Council failed to do, and his coming visit will be even more momentous than the sending of St Augustine by St Gregory the Great. Dr Runcie has only to stand by his side and say the same words of eucharistic consecration in Canterbury Cathedral, and the *Ecclesia Anglicana* will once again be Romana as well.

Such a solution is at once too simple and not simple enough. It is too simple in that it sees the Church as dependent entirely on the possession by individuals of special sacramental powers, so that wherever these powers are being correctly used, the Church is being built up, and wherever these powers are not possessed and in action, the Church is not being built up. An Anglican clergyman, for instance, can be convinced that he has these powers, and that he is doing for his church exactly what a Greek Orthodox or a Roman Catholic clergyman is doing in Athens or Rome. He may not be satisfied that a Methodist, for example, has them, and therefore does not want to envisage union with the Methodists without requiring some form of re-ordination. Another Anglican clergyman can be equally convinced that such powers as he has are already shared by the Methodist clergy; he therefore may not favour a scheme of union requiring any kind of re-ordination, lest his own present status be interpreted in an exclusive sense that he repudiates. And schemes can founder because rejected at the same time from these two contrary points of view.

But suppose the Church is not really centred upon clergymen requiring (or not requiring) these sacramental powers at all: what then? Is not this approach far too mechanical, fostering clericalism and irresponsible clerical tricity, and reducing the sacraments to a kind of white magic?

It must be abundantly clear to any reader of the Acts of the Apostles that the means by which the Apostles gathered the Church together was their service of the Word of God. That was the priority required of them: only by communicating the message could the Church come into existence. They were creating a new human society by preaching the message committed to them. That society retained the pattern that originates in the Gospels: crowds gathering round Our Lord and his apostles. After the Ascension and Pentecost, that pattern remained. It was still Our Lord himself, the Word of God, who was at the centre, present now in a different way; and the communities built up by the apostles, as well as the community formed by the apostles themselves, reproduced the gospel pattern, grouping themselves round the pastors whom he chose and sent out.

Apostolic succession since that time is not a succession of a hereditary kind. The continuation of the New Testament pattern is typological, not genealogical: the preservation of the same type, the same recognizable set of relationships. The Word himself is received in that context: he is seen to be Lord because he is acknowledged and effectively obeyed by people who express his way of life in families he brings into being.

Ministry is nothing if it is not the service of the Word. Ministers of whatever church are in the first place commissioned to pass on the Word as understood by that church. It is not mutual recognition of orders that is required, so much as mutual recognition of the faith and teaching of other churches, on which orders depend. Every minister is a valid minister of his own church, since he has, by due authority, to speak in its name.

Unity must therefore come not by a recognition of one church's authority by another, not by borrowing systems of government, not by acquiring or sharing a validity of a restrictedly sacramental kind, but by a joint act of obedience to the same Word who is sovereign over all churches. Such an act of obedience would not be a repudiation of those who went before us: they had their decisions to make in their time, and their loyalty to the light that they saw was what was required of them in their own generation. In our own time, other decisions have to be made.

Each church must decide whether the living Word of God is not now asking it to receive in faith from a church now separate from it everything that church has to give, everything that it already gives, out of its hearing of the Word, to its own members. Churches do not live by negations; we can forget the denials we have made and which have led us apart. These denials have never provided the life-giving truths by which we have developed as Christians; it is only the positive, the affirmative, that we can give or receive.

Full theological agreement is *not possible; it does not exist* anywhere, in any church, and it is not even desirable. The simple question is not "do we recognize one another's orders?" but "do we recognize one another's faith?". If we do, then the further step of faith, of obedience to the Word as we hear Him today, can confidently be taken.

Michael Richards
Editor, *The Clergy Review*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. J. T. Sanders and Miss J. E. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Sir Robert and Lady Sanders, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Janice, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. R. Hughes, of Enfield.

Mr B. Aspinall and Miss N. L. S. Darby
The engagement is announced between Brian, only son of Mr S. Aspinall and Mrs E. Aspinall, and Noëlle Louise, only child of Mr and Mrs L. E. Seymour Darby, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. C. Bray and Miss A. L. Conlon
The engagement is announced between Timothy Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bray, of 28 Southgreen, Southwold, Suffolk, and Amanda-Louise, only child of Mr and Mrs Martin Conlon, of 17 Thunder Court, The Bourne, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Dr M. M. Dooley and Miss B. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs Denis Dooley, of Wimbledon, and Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, of Fort View, Green Park, Limerick.

Mr M. A. Leech and Miss J. E. O. Browne
The engagement is announced between Martyn Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Leech, of Rhwbina, Cardiff, and Jean Elizabeth Olivia, second daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Roger Browne, of Castleby House, Peterson-Super-Ely, Glamorgan.

Mr B. M. Morris and Miss V. L. Conner
The engagement is announced between Brian Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Louis Morris, of 3 Whiteheads Grove, London, SW3, and Victoria Lindsay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Cyril Conner, of Lovehill House, Trotton, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Dr K. Roberts and Miss H. J. Birch
The engagement is announced between Kelvin, eldest son of the late Mr R. A. Roberts and Mrs E. Roberts, of Penygraig, South Wales, and Heather Julie, only daughter of the late Mr W. D. Birch and Mrs M. Birch, of Slyne, Lancashire.

Mr J. C. Taylor and Miss R. E. Archer
The engagement is announced between John Christopher, son of Mrs W. A. S. Taylor and the late Mr Taylor, of Coton, Cambridgeshire, and Rowena Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs C. S. Archer and the late Mr Archer, of The Beatings, Annalong.

Mr S. P. R. Adams and Miss C. J. Riall
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J. F. R. Adams, of Peartree House, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, and Caroline, only daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs A. B. Riall, of Hill House, Ewshot, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr M. A. Bingley and Miss L. A. M. Brotchie
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Bingley, of Flatford, Suffolk, and Luan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P. B. Brotchie, of Boxlands, Dorking, Surrey.

Mr R. O. Bohelmer and Miss S. E. Lewis Jones
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Dr and Mrs K. Bohelmer, of Castelnau, Barnes, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Lewis Jones, of Angmering, Sussex.

Mr C. C. Hotblack and Miss C. A. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Christopher Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Vernon S. Hotblack, of Charlocks, Dormansland, Surrey, and Carolyn Ann, daughter of Mr B. A. Roberts, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Mrs K. E. Ainscow, of Wateringfield, Golf Lane, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr K. S. H. Miller and Miss P. M. Danagher
The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Miller, of Old Trees, Ewhurst, Surrey, and Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Danagher, of Elm Grove, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Dr M. G. Pitt and Miss D. C. Lewandowska
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Pitt, of Hingham, Norfolk, and Diana Christina, third daughter of Mr and Mrs M. M. Lewandowski, of Blackpool, Lancashire.

Mr M. Platts and Mrs A. Reed
The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Mrs S. M. Platts and the late Mr S. A. E. Platts, of Shoreham House, Shoreham, Kent, and Ann, mother of Richard Reed of Boughton, Kent.

Mr H. G. F. Schock and Miss C. A. Schweitzer
The engagement is announced between Horst, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Schock, of Stuttgart, West Germany, and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Schweitzer, of Puttenham, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr B. Keeffe and Miss V. Bargate
The marriage took place at Woolwich Town Hall yesterday between Mr Barrie Keeffe and Miss Verity Bargate.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at Admiralty House yesterday given in honour of the Sierra Leone Minister of Finance, Dr Sama Banya, and the Sierra Leone Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr A. Conteh.

Earl Jellicoe
Earl Jellicoe, chairman of the Anglo-Hellenic League, presided over a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday in honour of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Greek Ambassador was among those present.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster gave a luncheon at City Hall yesterday in honour of the Chairman of the Greater London Council and Mrs Brook-Partridge. The other guests included:
Sir James and Lady Swaffield, Mr and Mrs Peter Kirwan, Mr and Mrs H. H. Sandford, Mr Mervyn Scorgie, Mr John Chubb, Mr Kevin Gardner and Mr D. N. Hamilton.

Royal College of Physicians
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs A. S. Jolliffe, were entertained at luncheon at the Royal College of Physicians yesterday by Sir Douglas Black, president, and Lady Black. Others present included:
Group Captain A. G. L. Hutchinson, Dr J. C. Batten, Dr N. D. Compston and Dr and Mrs C. Gardner-Thorpe.

Royal Society of Chemistry
The President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Professor Sir Ewart Jones, was host at a luncheon party held at 30 Russell Square on Thursday. The guests included:
Mr Reginald Eyre, MP, Sir Peter Baldwin, Sir Kenneth Clucas, Sir John Garlick, Sir David Price, MP, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Peter Emery, MP, Mr P. J. Baillie, Mr A. N. Brown, Mr K. C. Bryant, Professor N. B. Chapman, Mr B. A. Henman, Mr G. A. King, Dr R. E. Parker, Mr J. R. Ruck Keene, Mr C. N. Thompson, Professor J. M. Ward and Professor W. B. Whalley.

Reception

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, was the host at a reception at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, last night for the chairman and members of the Parole Board for Scotland and the Chairman of Local Review Committees.

Service dinners

RN Engineering College
Rear-Admiral D. C. Jenkin, Flag Officer First Flotilla, and Mrs Jenkin, were guests of honour at a ladies' guest night dinner held at the Royal Naval Engineering College, HMS Thunderer, yesterday. The Commander of the college, Commander D. G. Wixon, presided. Other guests included Mr L. D. Trenchard, President of the Institute of Marine Engineers, and Mrs Trenchard.

39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were guests of honour at a dinner given by Lieutenant-Colonel R. Saville and officers of 39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) at 79-85 Worship Street yesterday. Others present included:
The Mayor of Hackney, the Master of the Skinners' Company, Major-General A. C. Birtwhistle, Signal Officer-in-Chief, and Brigadier J. N. Ghika, Chief of Staff HQ London District.

RAF Staff College, Bracknell
The Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal M. G. Beavis, and officers of RAF Staff College, Bracknell, held a ladies' guest night yesterday when they dined out Wing Commander G. G. Thorburn. Group Captain H. Marshall presided, and Air Commodore H. Davidson, Deputy Commandant, was among those present.

£4,200 portrait coup by the Tate Gallery

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The Tate Gallery made a nice little coup at Christie's yesterday when they acquired a portrait catalogued merely as "English School, *circa* 1640" for £4,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). They had noticed that the painting bore the initials of the artist Gilbert Jackson, an interesting, though minor, British artist of the period. Christie's cataloguer has dismissed this clue with the words "bears initials, inscription and the date 1640".

The inscription reveals that the portrait is of Frances Saunders, wife of Richard Grenville, with her infant son Richard on her knee. It is an attractive, slightly primitive painting: Mrs Grenville has pinned a colourful bunch of tulips in her hair for the sitting. The painting was sent for sale by the Countess of Sutherland.

The sophisticated court painters of the mid-seventeenth century were largely foreigners and Gibson is of particular interest as a characteristic home-grown, journeyman-artist. He worked all over England, mainly for scholars and the country gentry.

His works are of particular importance in documenting contemporary fashions in dress and *furnishings*; almost all his works are inscribed, initialled and dated. The National Portrait Gallery owns one, as does the Victoria and Albert Museum; this is the first for the Tate. Some 40 or so examples of his work are recorded.

The top price of the sale was £6,500 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) paid by Neville Keating, a London dealer, for a mountainous landscape by John Glover. The sale totalled £118,780 with 29 per cent left unsold. The more important works found buyers but minor pictures were simply not selling.

At Christie's in New York on Thursday a sale of antique and period jewelry made $417,006 with 24 per cent left unsold. An Art Deco ruby, diamond and onyx bracelet mounted in platinum made the top price of the sale at $18,000 (estimate $10,000 to $12,000) or £7,500.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, Feb 14, 1956

The old compulsory insurance scheme wound up in 1948 provided a pension for every eligible widow by virtue simply of her widowhood. The new scheme confines payments to those widows who owing to motherhood, age or infirmity are in circumstances likely to prevent them from earning a living. The new rules deny benefit to nearly two newly bereaved women in every ten. But the great majority of widows today had husbands who were insured in the old scheme, and their title to the old-scheme pension of 10s a week has not been extinguished.

Today's engagements

Crufts dog show, Earls Court, 8.30-8.

White Persian cat show, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, 12.5.

Christopher Logue gives poetry reading for 13 to 18-year-olds, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, 3.

Talks and lectures: Life of the Virgin, Penelope Wallis, Victoria and Albert Museum, 12; Rococo fantasies, Sarah Bowles, Victoria and Albert Museum, 3; Assyrian palace reliefs, David Williams, British Museum, 11.30; Reynolds, Audrey Tyndall, National Gallery, 12; Eros in art at the Tate, Simon Wilson, Tate Gallery, 3.

Ian McEwan reads from his television scripts with screening of play and discussion, Riverside Studios, 3.

Walks: The road to Tyburn, meet main gate, St Bartholomew Hospital, 2; Plagues, meet foyer of Drury Lane Hotel, 10.

Memorial service: Mr A. B. Brown, University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, noon.

Tomorrow

Antiques fair: Hotel Russell, Russell Square, 11-6; Collectors' bazaar: Pickett's Lock Centre, Pickett's Lock Lane, 11-6; Record collectors' fair, Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury, 1-6.

Auction: Antiques and collectors' items, Highgate Auctions, Camden Goods Depot, Chalk Farm Road, 2.30.

Art: Pastels workshop, Camden Arts Centre, 10-4.

Walks: Picturesque Hampstead village, meet Hampstead station, 11; Vanishing London, dockland, meet Tower Hill station, 11; Crime and punishment, meet Tower Hill station, 2; Jack the Ripper murders, meet Whitechapel station, 2.

Science report

Biotechnology: An aid to diagnosis

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A substance that could transform diagnostic medicine is to be made commercially from an invention at the Medical Research Council's laboratory of molecular biology, in Cambridge. The substance, to be known as anti-interferon, is the first of a range of agents to be produced by genetic engineering techniques by Celltech, a company that has just been started in Britain with £12m from the National Enterprise Board and private capital.

It is a latecomer to the developing field of biotechnology, in which more than 20 research companies, mainly in the United States, are exploiting advances for combining genetic fragments taken from different organisms, plants or animals. The invention available from Celltech is an ingenious procedure for mimicking natural substances created by the body for recognizing the characteristics of normal cells or infections.

The normal agents that recognize those characteristics, and there are a million or more types, are antibodes. A method of simulating the natural ones with laboratory-made varieties called monoclonal antibodies was invented by Dr Cesar Milstein and Dr George Kohler at Cambridge.

The range of activity of a particular monoclonal antibody is clearly and narrowly defined, because it will attach itself only to a specific biochemical. Celltech has chosen to start by providing a monoclonal antibody that combines with interferon. Arrangements have been made with the Medical Research Council to turn the laboratory process into a commercial operation.

The use of monoclonal antibodies for developing substances to treat disease as well as help diagnosis is only a matter of time, but the initial use pioneered by the research team will be for purifying and assaying interferon by other manufacturers.

Interferon is released by the body as part of the natural defence against infections by viruses and other agents. But methods of making large quantities as a therapeutic product have become possible only with genetic engineering methods.

Services tomorrow: Septuagesima

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, and sermon 10.30, TD Nares in F Jubilate; Child Rev Dr D. Webster HC 11.30 Jackson in G (introit: Let all creation praise th Lord (Mendelssohn) E and S 3.15 Magnificat and Nunc dim. ills Watson in E, A The heavens are telling (Haydn) Rev Dr A. L. Moore.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Stanford in F, Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn) Very Rev M. Nott HC, 11.40, E, 3 Wood in G (Double Choir) Wood in G (Double Choir) Lord who hast made us (Holst) Rev J. A. Baker, p.5 Organ Recital, E 6.30 Rev A. Luff.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9, Cathedral Eucharist 11, Darke in F, A Ave Verum (Elgar) Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Canon M. Baddeley Cathedral Evensong Purcell in G minor, A, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce) Cannon G. Parrott.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL ST. JAMES'S PALACE: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A: The heavens are telling (Haydn) Rev R. L. Roberts.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP 11.15 (T. D. Marchant in G) Canon Young A. Lord who hast made us for thine own Holst. HC 12.30.

GUARDS CHAPEL, WELLINGTON BARRACKS: M, 11, Rev J. S. Westmuckett, HC, noon

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed). LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn gateway): M 11.30, A: Thou visitest the earth (Greene) Canon Tydeman.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15, M, 11, TD Boyce in C, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD Laudamus (Wilson in C) A: In the beginning God created the heav'n and the earth. (Haydn) The Master.

ST. CLEMENT DANES (RAF church) (Public welcomed) HC, 8.30 Matins and Sermon 11, TD, Vaughan Williams in G, On thee each living soul awaits, Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn) Rev B Lucas, HC, 12.15.

CHAPEL ROYAL, HAMPTON COURT PALACE (public welcomed) HC, 8.30; M, 11, A, The heavens are telling (Haydn) E, 3.30, A Lord thou hast been our refuge (Williams).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev P. Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, LM, 8 and 5.15, HM, 11, Rev C. J. Somers-Edgar Missa Brevis (Mathias) Solemn Evensong 6.30, Rev D. A. Sparrow, Blair in B minor.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 Missa Quarti Toni (Victoria) Simile est regnum (morales) Rev Dr A. W. Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC 8, 9 (sung) M, 11, Rev J. T. C. B. Collins, E, 6.30, Rev P. Whitworth.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane St, (Sloane Sq. tube): HC, 8.30, 10.30, Canon Roberts, HC, 12.10.

ST. ALBAN'S Holborn: SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Fr Knight, Missa Collegium Regale (Howells), See what love (Mendelssohn) LM 5.30.

ST BARTHOLOMEW - THE - GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M 11, Tallis five-part A, O, Nata Lux (Tallis) E, 6.30 Elway Bevin (Dorian), A, Call to remembrance (Farrant) Canon Gerald Hudson.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; Choral Matins and Eucharist, The Ven Frank Harvey. Choral Evensong (Haydn's Creation).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 Blake in D, A Remember not, Lord (Purcell), The Rector.

ST JAMES, Garlickhill (City) E.6, Prebendary D. W. C. Mossman.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, HC, 8.15, 9.15, Sung Eucharist, 11 The Rector E, 6.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster HC, 8.15, Choral Matins 11, The Dean of Westminster, HC 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45; Norman Ingram-Smith, Morning Service 11.15, Rev C. Hedley, Choral Evensong 4.15, E, 6.30, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30, Sung Eucharist, 9.30, M, 11.15, E, 6.30.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM 8, 9.45, 7, HM 11, Fr F. Jackson, Missa Brevis-Berkeley O sing joyfully (Batten) venite comedite (Byrd).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Rev R. Salonius, Missa a quin que vocibus (Byrd) Beati Quorum Via (Stanford), 6.30, June Whitfield.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, Parish Communion 11, Rev E. G. H. Saunders, E, 6, Rev A. C. C. Pearson.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9, Solemn Eucharist 11, Lennox Berkeley: Missa Brevis, Rev D. Tillyer.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11 Rev A. Kirk, 6.30 Canon H. Sutton.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea HC, 8, MP, 11, EP, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 8, 9; HM 11 Missa super mon Coeur se recommande a vous (Lassus), Prebendary Herbert Moore; E and B 6, Rev David Priest.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Cannon ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 6.30 Youth Fellowship Service.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (sung) Mass in g (Vaughan Williams) The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley) Like as the hart (Howells), 12, 5.30, 7.

THE ORATORY, SW7 Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (sung latin (Ralph Downes) 12.30, 4.30, 7, Vespers, 3.30

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM 11, Missa Sanctae Teresiae (Nieland) Ave Regina Caelorum (Philips)

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa Sancti Godehardi (Griesbacher) Pater Noster (Stravinsky).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Daniel Jenkins.

ST JOHNS WOOD (United Reformed Church) Presbyterian/Congregationalist, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 Rev J. Miller.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: EC, 11 and 6.30 Dr B. Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev Dr R. C. Gibbins.

OBITUARY

ADMIRAL SIR CHARLES DANIEL

Varied service in two world wars

Admiral Sir Charles Daniel, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who died on February 11 at the age of 86, was a former wireless specialist, and had served with distinction in many of the higher staff appointments, including that of Third Sea Lord. In the Second World War, in the intervals of service afloat, he was Director of Plans and Assistant Chief of Combined Operations; and when a British battle fleet was sent into the Pacific and depended so largely on what became known as the fleet train, Daniel was the first to be responsible for the latter as Vice-Admiral (Administration).

Charles Saumarez Daniel was born on June 23, 1894, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles James Daniel and Agnes Margaret, daughter of Admiral Thomas Saumarez. From Southcliffe School, Filey, he entered Osborne College as a naval cadet in May, 1907, went on to Dartmouth two years later, and in 1911 made the training cruise in HMS Cornwall.

In January, 1912, he was appointed as midshipman to the battleship Orion, and had the unusual experience of serving in her for 6¼ years, including the greater part of the First World War, as midshipman, sub-lieutenant and lieutenant. He was present in her at the battle of Jutland, and afterwards became assistant gunnery officer. In April, 1918, he was appointed to specialize in signals and wireless.

Between November, 1918, and May, 1919, he was flag-lieutenant to Rear-Admiral E. F. Bruen, in the Minotaur, and Rear-Admiral W. E. Goodenough, in the Orion, and was then selected for the staff of the signal school. Two years later he went to Greenwich for the advanced course in signals, after which he was squadron wireless officer in the Battle Cruiser Squadron in HMS Hood from April, 1922, to November, 1923. For the next two years he served in the experimental department at the signal school.

After nine months' general service in the Royal Oak, he was fleet wireless officer in the Atlantic Fleet from October, 1926, until promoted to commander in June, 1928. During the next two years he was experimental commander at the signal school. He attended the naval staff course in 1931 and the RAF staff course in 1932.

Resuming sea service as executive officer of the aircraft carrier Glorious in the Mediterranean in January, 1933, he was promoted to captain in June, 1934. During 1935 he attended the course at the Imperial Defence College, and in 1936-37 was Assistant Director of Plans at the Admiralty. In April, 1938, he took command of the Faulknor as Captain (D) of the Sixth Destroyer Flotilla, and held this command when the second world war broke out.

On September 14, 1939, the Faulknor, Firedrake and Foxhound, of his flotilla, sank the first German submarine to be destroyed in the war, U39, and for this and other services in action against enemy submarines Captain Daniel was awarded the DSO in December, 1939. In 1940-41, he was Director of Plans on the Naval Staff, for which he was made a CBE in the 1941 birthday honours. From 1941 to 1943 he comman-ded the battle-cruiser Renow[n] in Force H at Gibraltar, takin[g] part in several convoy and othe[r] operations in the Mediterranean. On promotion to rear-admiral o[n] January 12, 1943, he was appoin-ted flag officer in the Combine[d] Operations Command. A yea[r] later he went to Australia a[s] head of the British naval lia[i]son staff which began to pr[e]pare for the reception of [the] battle fleet to be based ther[e] and when the British Pacif[ic] Fleet was formed at the end [of] 1944 he was made an actin[g] vice-admiral and appointed vic[e]-admiral (administration) on th[e] staff of Admiral Fraser. On Ma[y] 31, 1945, it was announced th[at] he had been appointed to co[m]mand a battle squadron in th[e] British Pacific Fleet, and th[is] command he held until aft[er] the war ended.

From December, 1945, [to] May, 1949, he was Third Se[a] Lord and Controller of the Nav[y], during which period he w[as] promoted to vice-admiral [in] August, 1946. In Septembe[r] 1949, he took up the post [of] Commandant of the Imperi[al] Defence College. He was pr[o]moted admiral in 1950 and r[e]tired in 1952. From 1952 [to] 1962 he was chairman of th[e] Television Advisory Committe[e].

He was made a CB in th[e] birthday honours in June, 194[?] and advanced to KCB in th[e] 1948 new year honours.

He married, in 1919, Marjo[rie] Katharine, daughter of [...] Arthur C. Wilson, of Formh[...] and had one daughter. His wi[fe] died in 1958 and he marrie[d] secondly in 1963 Mrs Par[...] Wilson.

MR G. G. BUNZL

Lord Roll of Ipsden writes:

Mr George Gustav Bunzl, universally known as "GG", who died on February 6 at the age of 65 was a remarkable personality, who, on the foundations laid by his father built up an outstandingly successful business in a relatively short time.

His success would be an exceptional chapter in business history in any circumstances, but is made more so by the fact that it took place in a strange environment and from very modest beginnings. The story of Bunzl Pulp & Paper, and of GG's role in it, is yet another example of the benefit which the British economy, and indeed British life generally, has derived over the centuries from having in its midst immigrants forced to leave their home due to political or racial persecution.

The Bunzl business, which has deep-seated roots and an honourable history in Austrian industry, was started in this country soon after the Nazi takeover of Austria, by Hugo Bunzl, GG's father, and from very modest beginnings grew into an important public company with wide international ramifications. For 20 years from 1960 onwards, GG was its chairman and through his wide knowledge of the pulp and paper industry and trade, and his close contacts with many people all over the world, his company and he became widely recognized as leaders in important areas of the industry.

His expert knowledge was, however, not devoted only to the well-being of his own business, but to the British paper industry, as well as to the interest of British industry and particularly British exports generally. He was a member of the British National Export Council, the Export Council for Europe, chairman of the Anglo-Austrian Trade Council, a founder-member of the Overseas Marketing Corporation, and also a senior and highly respected member of many international pulp and paper organizations.

He played an important part in the British Institute of Management, and also in the CBI Overseas Committee. He was well known as a lecturer, including particularly on aspects of East-West trade, and on the international pulp and paper industry. In the interest of both his business and his wider concerns he travelled all over Europe, North and South America and as far afield as China.

GG's interests were not confined to business or to economic affairs. He was outstanding both in his own charitable actions as well as in his energetic work on behalf of a number of charities. For 30 years he was the treasurer of Children & Youth Aliyah Committee for Great Britain and Eire, recognized as one of the major child rescue movements which has brought 190,000 children from over 50 countries to Israel since its inception [in] 1933. He was also joint chai[r]man of Jewish Child's Day, [an] organization which helps Jewi[sh] children in this country a[nd] all over the world.

But his charitable instinc[ts] went much wider. In the 196[?] he made a donation of an i[m]portant piece of new equipme[nt] to the Royal Marsden Hospit[al] and continued to help to secu[re] the modernization of the equi[p]ment of that hospital, being al[so] for a time chairman of its fun[d]raising activities.

He also took a very activ[e] part in the appeal for a bod[y] scanner for the Royal Fre[e] Hospital. He could be mo[st] generous when a particul[ar] charity, however small, f[or] example the Chiswick Fami[ly] Rescue, struck a chord, and [he] helped in this instance, as [in] that of the Hampstead Chi[ld] Care Clinic, to encoura[ge] others to give generously.

Over and above this, no o[ne] who came into contact wi[th] him, could fail to be impresse[d] by his energy, good humour and ebullience. Although he did not suffer fools gladly, and ex[pressed] his views emphatically he had a special charm whic[h] accounted for the fact tha[t] very few people, indeed, coul[d] for long take amiss an[y] criticism to which he subjecte[d] them.

He is survived by his wi[fe] Hannah, whom he married i[n] 1937, and by his two sons an[d] daughters.

MR H. JACKSON BURROWS

Mr Harold Jackson Burrows, CBE, FRCS, FRACS, died on February 5, aged 78.

Educated at Cheltenham College, King's College, Cambridge, and St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, he entered on a fruitful career in orthopaedics. He served his profession in many capacities, and his colleagues as friend, adviser and supporter. Modestly, he gave *every task meticulous care* and attention; a devoted worker, the task well done was its own reward.

His pride was in the organizations he served: St Bartholomew's Hospital, as head of the Orthopaedic Department and Clinical Lecturer; the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon; the Institute of Orthopaedics (University of London), as Dean, 1946-64, 1967-70; *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, as deputy editor, 1949-60 and chairman of the British editorial board, 1961-73; the British Orthopaedic Association, serving a term as president; the Royal College of Surgeons, as a member of council, 1964-72.

A surgeon commander RNVR, from 1939 to 1945, he became Civil Consultant in Orthopaedics to the Royal Navy from 1949. Clinical orthopaedics advanced substantially while he was consultant adviser to the Ministry of Health, 1964-71, and through his fostering of the development of major prosthetic replacement of bones. Always he was thoughtful and careful of patients' circumstances and wellbeing. He attended the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen; and The Heritage, Chailey.

He put the interests of the organization first, gave precedence to a colleague, acceded to a *majority view fairly* taken. But it was not his way to tolerate the unreasonable, the unfair, the inaccurate, nor the slipshod. A splendid grammarian and good stylist and always armed with a sharp pencil stub, he was quick on the draw.

The Institute of Orthopaedics was a vital interest; the funding of the only chair in orthopaedics in the university by the then National Fund for Research in Crippling Diseases, first held by his respected colleague, Sir Herbert Seddon, and the rich collection of historical books in orthopaedics are but two foresights by which he will be remembered.

Truly a gentleman, ever thoughtful and considerate, his *bonhomie* made him welcome everywhere. The CBE, other honours, and membership of foreign orthopaedic associations attest to the esteem in which he was held.

MISS M. GOLLANCZ

Miss Marguerite Gollanc[z] who died on February 7 at th[e] age of 69, was County Archivi[st] of Surrey from 1955 to 1974. [In] 1947 she was appointed to th[e] new post of Staffordshi[re] County Archivist which w[as] combined with that of Libr[a]rian at the William Salt Librar[y]. She was thus responsible f[or] the successful running of t[wo] major county record offic[es]. She took an active part in t[he] development of the professi[on] of archivist.

The daughter of Sir Isr[ael] Gollancz, the scholar and m[an] of letters and Alide his wi[fe], she was a cousin of Sir Vic[tor] Gollancz, the publisher a[nd] writer. She read for the Histo[ri]cal Tripos at Girton Colle[ge], Cambridge and was inspired [by] Dr Helen Cam to turn her [in]terest towards medieval studi[es]. She took her MA at Kin[g's] College, London, under the d[i]rection of Professor C. Williamson her subject bei[ng] gaol delivery in the fiftee[nth] century.

During the Second World W[ar] she worked at the Board [of] Trade and was seconded to t[he] War Cabinet Office as narra[tor] to prepare material for the Ci[vil] History of the War. This expe[ri]ence stimulated her interest [in] modern industrial records. [A] founder member of the Socie[ty] of Archivists she took an acti[ve] part in the formation of the I[n]ternational Congress [on] Archives from its inception, a[nd] was also a keen member of t[he] British Records Association.

At the time of her death s[he] was honorary borough archiv[ist] to the Royal Borough of Kin[gs]ton upon Thames and honora[ry] editor of the Surrey Reco[rd] Society.

GENERAL CLAUDE VANBREMEERSCH

General Claude Vanbremeersch, for four years head of President Giscard d'Estaing's military staff, and chief of staff of the armed forces until last January, when he resigned for health reasons, died in Paris on February 10. He was 60.

General Vanbremeersch owed his rapid rise to the most senior rank of the military hierarchy both to his military gifts and to his long period of service as the senior military advisor to the head of state. After he left the Elysée Palace in July, 1980, he retained close contacts with M Giscard d'Estaing, who had prevailed upon him, in spite of the first signs of the illness which was finally to carry him away, to take the post of chief of the combined staff.

Vanbremeersch was born in Paris on January 3, 1921. He graduated from Saint Cyr and served in the infantry until 1942, when he joined the resistance movement. Arrested by the Gestapo he was deported to Buchenwald concentration camp, until April 1945, when he reentered active service.

He was ADC to General De Lattre De Tassigny, the French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, and fought in Algeria as commander of a battalion of French Alpine troops. In 1962 he was an instructor at the Military Academy.

After a spell on the General Staff, he was promoted Major General in 1973, and Commander of the Third French Division at Freiburg in Germany. In 1975, he became head of the President's military staff, a post he held until 1979, when he became Commander-in-Chief of the French forces, and military governor of Strasbourg.

As chairman of the combined chiefs of staff, he placed emphasis on the modernization of the French nuclear forces.

He was a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, and holder of three Croix de Guerre with seven citations, and two palms.

VISCOUNT TEMPLETOWN

Viscount Templetown died [on] February 10 at the age of [...]

The second son of the fou[rth] viscount, he was born [on] August 12, 1894 and educat[ed] at Eton and Magdalen Colle[ge], Oxford. He formerly held [a] commission in the Royal E[ast] Kent Mounted Rifles (TA). During the Second World W[ar] he was a Regional Controller [...] Factory and Storage Premis[es] Board of Trade.

He married in 1916 Alleyn[e] daughter of H. L. Conran, R[...] by whom he had a son (n[ow] deceased) and a daughter. H[is] wife died in 1974 and he marri[ed] secondly in 1975 Margar[et] Violet Louisa, widow of S[ir] Linnel George Archer Cu[...] CBE.

'ootball

Return of Hales and Ipswich's wounded encourage Charlton

y Norman Fox
ootball Correspondent

Spread from the north east to e south coast, today's fifth und matches in the 100th FA p involve a broad range of inrest without having an exceponal fixture. The appeal of this lection test that will reveal the t eight names is the very evenss of the competition.

After surviving a difficult season the more illustrious teams, the left today include nine from e first division, but the rigours the chase have left many a mous club among the fallers: est Ham United, the holders, d Arsenal, the runners-up of t season; the champions, verpool, and Aston Villa, poten- l successors.

If there is one tie that stands ghly above the rest it is at the ll where Southampton take on erton, who have done more an any other side to open the y for an unexpected final. senal and Liverpool have been erton's victims so far, but uthampton, on home ground, er a challenge equally difficult. After looking for the result m Southampton, the uncommit- will next want to know ether Nottingham Forest's urney to Tokyo has cost them Cup success at home to the assuming Bristol City, and if erborough United, the last rth division club remaining, can set Manchester City's reawaken-

Southampton are attracting conerable quiet confidence from se looking beyond the favours, Ipswich Town, for victory Wembley in May, and with egan fit they are capable of sing up on the championship ders as well as achieving success the cup. They are unbeaten over matches but their manager, wrie McMenemy, said yesterday it their task was the hardest ing any of the first division ms.

It would be difficult to disee. They hope that Baker will fit to play in midfield, and the ence will need to be particularly rt to master Eastoe and the iting Varadi. My view is that egan will have cause for a uble celebration on his thirtieth thday.

Charlton Athletic, who led the rd division until last Saturday's amitous 4—0 defeat at Chester, asked the most difficult question of all by being paired with Ipswich at Portman Road. Yesterday, however, they had word that Ipswich could be without three of their regular defenders. Mills and Osman have been treated for leg injuries and Burley is again unable to play because of knee ligament trouble. Charlton are encouraged by the return after suspension of the swarthy forward, Hales, yet Ipswich's unbeaten home record should remain.

There is a strong temptation to believe that home advantage will take seven clubs through to the sixth round with the only away victory being wrought by Manchester City at Peterborough. Kellock, the Peterborough captain, is particularly keen to upset that prediction because in 1973 John Bond, now City's successful manager but then at Norwich City, allowed him to drift into non-league football.

This season Kellock has scored 11 goals and he said yesterday: "I believe City will be surprised by the style and quality of our football". With Hutchinson, Gow and McDonald eligible for the FA Cup, whereas they had to miss the League Cup tie at Liverpool in midweek, and strong competition for places, City are not expected to be too surprised.

If Nottingham Forest are dismissed by Bristol City the blame will be put on jet lag, but Brian Clough, who always recognized the risk involved in playing Nacional, of Uruguay, for the "world club championship" in Japan, tried to offset the dangers of cup defeat by asking Gunn, Mills and Walsh to stay at home. All three play today, replacing Lloyd, Ponte and O'Neill. The goalkeeper they face is Moller who, as a Malmö player, played against them in the 1979 European Cup final. The opposing manager is Bobby Houghton, the former Malmö coach who caused Forest much frustration.

Coventry have an early chance to rid themselves of disappointmnt at losing to West Ham in the League Cup semi-final round when they return to London to play Tottenham Hotspur, for whom Hoddle's inspiring touch may be missing because of a thigh strain. It would be cruel if Coventry's second opportunity to envisage a first trip to Wembley collapsed after they had shown so much youthful promise.

North-eastern confidence is high with Newcastle United and Middlesbrough at home to Exeter City and Barnsley respectively. Diversions from the problems of the area are welcome and Arthur Cox, the Newcastle manager, said: "Times are hard up here and football plays a major part in the way of life, which is something John Neal and myself are aware of for tomorrow. Life on the dole is not much fun, which is why I hope Newcastle and Middlesbrough do well tomorrow." Middlesbrough are much happier now that Johnston is fit enough to come back after five matches.

The Midlands have not provided an FA Cup final team for 13 years but have won the League Cup six times in the last seven competitions. Wolverhampton Wanderers have lost their chance of retaining the League Cup and yesterday their assistant manager, Richie Barker, said he hoped West Ham would take their trophy and that they would succeed the London club as FA Cup winners. The only snag is that today's opponents, Wrexham, were good enough to beat West Ham in the third round.



Craig Johnston: Middlesbrough will welcome him back.

Table tennis

Triumph of nerve and grit for Miss Knight

By a Special Correspondent

Despite Paul Day, the 1978 champion, saving an astounding 10 match-points against the No 4 seed, Max Crimmins, to come through to meet the holder, Desmond Douglas, and the European champion, John Hilton recovering some form to contest the other semi-final against the No 3 seed, Bob Potton, it was the women who created much of the interest in the Norwich Union English closed championships at Gillingham yesterday.

Carole Knight, the unseeded holder, narrowly escaped defeat when she beat the No 3 seed Karen Witt 13—21, 21—18, 17—21, 21—18, 22—20. She was behind for the whole match, trailed 9—14 in the fourth, and had to save a matchpoint at 19—20. It was triumph of nerve and determination for the 23-year-old Clevelander whom many believe must win the title again if she is to gain the last place in England's world championship team. "At the end I was just praying," she said and that summed it up. Miss Witt, already in the world squad, was so tense that at 17—16 in the decider she threw the ball up three inches to serve and missed.

The chances of Miss Knight pulling off another triumph against the odds now look much better. Earlier she had a fine 21—15, 21—18, 21—14 win against another England international, Anita Stevenson, the left-handed looper from Loughborough, who knocked her out when she was previously the holder in 1978. And her expected semi-final opponent, Linda Jarvis, the joint top seed, was defeated by the unseeded Angela Mitchell, the England No 8.

The score in Mrs Jarvis's defeat—21—18, 27—25, 17—21, 16—21, 14—21—explains plenty. Only two days before Mrs Jarvis had gained a vital mixed doubles win in England's European Superleague success in Sweden. This time she increasingly lacked inspiration as the match went on and was worn down by an ambitious 20-year-old.

All this was not good news for Jill Hammersley, whose defensive style often finds it hard to contain the Knight attack. Mrs Hammersley, going for the record seventh title, reached the semi-final by beating Berkshire's Mandy Smith, unrelated to Karen, 21—3, 21—10, 21—5. A Knight Hammersley final now looks very possible, and a real showdown it should be.

Day's remarkable win 21—16, 11—21, 12—21, 25—23, 23—21 at the expense of Crimmins was achieved from 14—20 down in the fourth. He saved nine matchpoints in that game and another at 20-21 in the decider.

Day, seeded only sixth, is third choice singles player in the world championships, so his survival will no doubt please the selectors. Not half as much as it pleased Day, however, who rolled around on the ground in celebration afterwards. Hilton beat Douggie Johnson, the England No 4, who has previously put him out of this competition, byp 16—21, 21—11, 21—16, 18—21, 21—8, which should do something to help his confidence, badly damaged by 18 defeats in the last month.

Hilton attacked far more than usual with his forehand, but could not have been loking forward to his meeting with Potten, who beat him immediately after his European title win last year and who was also looking for one of the remaining places for the world championships. Later Hilton trailed 11—14 in the decider against Potten before beating him 16—21, 21—15, 12—21, 21—16, 21—17. He now plays Douglas, who, seeking his third title in a row, coolly and calmly beat Day 21—6, 21—9, 21—12, an indication of just how much better than other English players he has become.

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-final round: D. Douglas beat K. Jackson, 21—19, 21—15, 16—21, 21—12; P. Day beat M. Crimmins, 21—16, 11—21, 12—21, 25—23, 23—21; R. Potton beat D. Parker, 20—22, 21—19, 21—13, 21—13; J. Hilton beat D. Johnson, 16—21, 21—11, 21—16, 18—21, 21—8.

Men's singles: Semi-final: Douglas beat Day 21—6, 21—9, 21—12; Hilton beat Potton 16—21, 21—15, 12—21, 21—16, 21—17.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: A. Mitchell beat J. Bellinger, 21—17, 21—8, 21—16; A. Stevenson beat V. Taylor 21—7, 21—6, 21—8; L. Bellinger beat G. Pritchard 21—15, 21—18, 21—19; S. Hunt beat H. Shields 21—15, 21—2, 21—16; S. Sandley beat S. Midgley, 21—15, 21—17, 21—12; H. Williams beat J. Heath, 21—5, 21—11, 21—6.

Second round: Mitchell beat L. Jarvis, 18—23, 25—27, 21—17, 21—16, 21—14; C. Knight beat Stevenson, 21—19, 21—18, 21—14; K. Witt beat Bellinger, 21—15, 21—10, 21—13; K. Smith beat C. Maisey 21—15, 18—21, 21—17, 21—7; A. Gordon beat M. Reeves 18—21, 21—14, 21—7, 21—14; Hunt beat M. Hill 21—19, 19—21, 21—15, 21—9; M. Smith beat Sandley 21—17, 17—21, 11—21, 21—14, 21—15; J. Hammersley beat Williams 21—19, 21—16, 21—14.

Quarter-final round: Mrs Smith beat Miss Mitchell 21—19, 12—21, 21—14, 21—18; Miss Knight beat Miss Witt 13—21, 21—18, 17—21, 21—18, 22—20; Miss Gordon beat Miss Hunt 22—20, 21—7, 21—18; Mrs Hammersley beat Miss Smith 21—3, 21—10, 21—5.

Women's singles: Semi-finals: Miss Knight beat Mrs Smith 21—14, 21—12, 21—19; Mrs Hammersley beat Miss Gordon 21—7, 21—8, 21—9.

MIXED DOUBLES: Final: D. Douglas and Mrs L. Jarvis beat J. Hilton and Mrs J. Hammersley 19—21, 21—11, 21—15, 18—21, 22—20.

Cricket

Greenidge puts the crowd in good humour and riot squad at ease

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Port of Spain, Feb 13

The start of the Test series between England and West Indies, or to be more precise the failure to get it started, brought immediate controversy here today, with the frist full-scale riot of the tour being only narrowly averted. After the pitch had been got at overnight, and one of the run-ups flooded, it was a quarter past two before a ball was bowled. By close of play West Indies, having been put in, were 144 for no wicket.

Had Botham had his way there would have been no play today. He had a right to expect a pitch in proper condition, not one that had had to be watered this morning for repairs to be effected. However, the umpires saw it differently, and although there was much sympathy for Botham's view (not least from his opposing captain) the atmosphere was ugly enough by lunchtime; behind the wire fencing, for the players to be told to play. Priority was given to placating the people.

The last riot on the ground was in 1972 when Pelé failed to turn up to play football for Santos. Having waited for him through the heat of the afternoon for two hours, his would-be admirers went wild. There was not on that occasion loss of life. This afternoon the field was already being showered with bottles and the barricades were beginning to bend by the time Lloyd and Botham tossed. It was as well that the ground was less than half full.

There is no need to look far for those suspected of causing the trouble, there being strong local opposition to the omission from the West Indian side of Deryck Murray. Outside the ground banners invited Trinidadians to express, in a tangible way, their profound resentment: The three hours and five minutes that were lost are to be made up, though it has yet to be decided how. Because of passing showers there would, anyway, have been less tha n a full morning's play.

From the England 12 Gatting was omitted. West Indies, as is now their habit, included all their four fast bowlers to the exclusion of the off spinner, Nanan. If Nanan knows whta to except by now; Gatting, who scored 94 in his only first-class innings of the tour, could feel hard done by.

Two or three times in the opening overs Dilley beat the bat. Of the first 25 runs only six came off Dilley, four of those off Haynes's outside edge. Botham, with the worse o the two approaches to run through, was driven and then hooked for four by Greenidge, strokes which put the crowd in better humour and led to the riot squad being stood at ease.

It was alread yall too bovious that this was not be England's day. Although Emburey began after tea with three accurate overs he was soon bein ghit to leg with some ease. He had three men on the off side and six on the leg. By damage of the night, having dried now the sun had undone the the ground and provided Downton with a firmer foothold than he had started with. At tea West Indies, after 13 overs, were 33 for no wicket. This evening Grenidge and Haynes made their partnership worth 100 in the thirty first over. It was the first time for 11 Test matches that a West Indian innings had had such a start.

It was a fine piece of batting, on a pitch that played well for the start. For all its ill-treatment, and against an attack which relied on Dilley for a spark of hope. Miller bowled to the same field as Emburey—a silly point (the psychological position), extra cover, deep mid-off, deep long leg, square leg, deep mid-wicket, a backward short leg, a short mid-wicket and a mid-on. This is not off spin bowling of the classical kind. The masters of old would have had a slip for one thing, waiting for the edge from the ball that goes on with the arm.

One way and another the ground authorities were let off lightly for their incompetence. Had they called the day off, as they nearly did at lunchtime, goodness knows what would have happened. Now, with Richards to come next and the promise of a huge West Indian total, there should be a larger crowd tomorrow—so long as the security improves. For England, the hard work has hardly started.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C. G. Greenidge, not out	..	70
D. L. Haynes, not out	..	68
Extras	..	6
Total (no wkt)	..	144

*C. H. Lloyd, C. E. Croft, J. Garner, H. A. Gomes, M. A. Holding, E. H. Mattis, †D. A. Murray, I. V. A. Richards, A. M. E. Roberts, to bat.

BOWLING (to date): Dilley, 11—3—22—0; Botham, 11—2—48—0; Old, 6—1—23—0; Emburey, 11—1—31—0; Miller, 3—0—12—0; Gooch 2—0—3—0.

ENGLAND: G. Boycott, G. A. Gooch, B. C. Rose, D. I. Gower I. T. Botham, G. Miller, P. Willey, †P. R. Downton, J. E. Emburey, C. M. Old, G. R. Dilley.

Umpires: C. Cumberbatch and D. Sang Hue.

International debut: Gary Robertson, a fast bowler, may make his first appearance at international level for New Zealand in tomorrow's one-day match in Auckland against India. Robertson is in a party of 12 for the first of two limited overs games—the other is in Hamilton on Sunday.

New Zealand include six seam bowlers, one of whom is Gary Troup, who returned home early from the recent tour of Australia because of injury.

NEW ZEALAND (from): G. Howarth, B. Edgar, J. Wright, J. Coney, G. Edwards, I. Smith, R. Hadlee, G. Troup, L. Cairns, G. Robertson, M. Snedden, E. Chatfield.

INDIA (from): S. Gavaskar, C. Chauhan, K. Azad, S. Patil, Y. Sharma, D. Vengsarkar, R. Binney, K. Ghavri, Kapil Dev, S. Kirmani, G. Viswanath, Yograj Singh.—Reuter Agence France-Presse.

Rugby League

Cap does not suit record-seeking Elwell

By Keith Macklin

After much anguish and frequent changes of mind, Keith Elwell, the Widnes hooker, yesterday decided to put club before country and give up another cap against France next Saturday.

Elwell has made 174 consecutive appearances for Widnes, and his pursuit of the club record of 191 would end if he did not play for them in a league game at Hull next Wednesday. This is a training night at Leeds for the England team, the manager and coach of whom insist that there shall be no appearances for clubs, other than Cup replays, within the week of an international.

Elwell, faced with an excruciating choice, chose to continue going for the club record while crossing his fingers that his international prospects have not been damaged. Elwell's replacement is David Ward, the experienced Leeds and Great Britain hooker.

In today's first round game in the Challenge Cup (sponsored by Three Fives) the holders, Hull Kingston Rovers, are struggling to put out a truly representative side against Barrow. At least half the first team squad are out of action or extremely doubtful, and Rovers bought wisely when they snapped up Muscroft, the Hunslet winger, and Burton, the Huddersfield forward, just before the Cup deadline.

Rovers' problems will give some heart to Barrow, who have Tickle, their full back, returning after injury. Rovers have lost two home games recently, and this will give Barrow further encouragement.

In tomorrow's games giant killers are on the prowl. Fulham expect another record crowd of around 13,000 or 14,000 for the visit of the first division side, Wakefield Trinity. Fulham will have the services of their strong tackling centre, Noonan, who has been out of action for three months with a broken jaw, but Wood, the second row forward, drops out with bruised ribs.

The other potential giant killers, Pilkington Recs, who will pocket a sponsor's prize of £5,550 if they win, hope to become the first amateur side to topple a professional one in the Challenge Cup since 1909 when Beverley beat the extinct Welsh club, Ebbw Vale, 7—2.

Pilkington's opponents are York, who are top of the second division and the most prolific scorers in the league with more than 400 points this season. It will be hard for the Recs to pocket their prize, since York are in great form and have the league's leading try scorer in Crossley, the stand-off.

Leeds, although having a bad league season, usually improve in the Cup. They have Rayne, the second row forward, back for a tough game at Hull.

Maradona worth six men or two Pelés

Buenos Aires, Feb 13.—The gentine star Diego Maradona been transferred from Argenos Juniors to their league rivals a Juniors in a world record deal. The transfer is almost ce the amount New York mos paid for Pelé in 1974.

oth clubs were still finalizing ails today. Six Boca players will included in the deal before the nsfer contract can be signed. r players will be transferred he opposite direction and two e will go on loan.

"Maradona belongs to Boca," spero Consoli, the Argentinos sident said after his meeting his opposite number, Martin l. As extra clauses in the deal, a are paying off Argentinos's 0,000 debt with the national tball association and guaranteethem $500,000 receipts from t Wednesday's friendly in ch Maradona will play one half each club. The player will be allowed to face his old club official matches but he will be soled by his entitled share of 0,000, which is 15 per cent of deal, plus transfer expenses.

Boca have succeeded where rcelona failed with a $6m bid l that pleased Mr Consoli bease he did not want to see the yer leave Argentina. As part of transfer saga which lasted ten nths, Argentinos had launched ational drive to keep Maradona South America.

unding out Seattle: The Norh City manager Ken Brown has eatened to call off Kevin Bond's 0,000 transfer to Seattle Souns—unless his father John ches some sort of agreement h the American club. Bond ior is hoping to bring his son k to Manchester City after the erican summer season.

Kevin Bond does not want to n for Seattle unless there is e guarantee that he can return English soccer for next season. The Cambridge United striker n Taylor has rejoined Vanver Whitecaps for £150,000.—encies.

Liverpool call up Sheedy and hope to steal a march

Liverpool are expected to give a first league appearance to their 21-year-old defender, Kevin Sheedy, today as they attempt to close the gap at the top of the table whilst the first division leaders, Ipswich Town, are involved in cup action.

Sheedy, an £80,000 signing from Hereford United over two years ago, gets his chance because Thompson and Hansen are injured. Irwin returns to the defence and Money retains his place at left back. Sheedy, who was named this week in the Republic of Ireland's under-21 side, has not played a senior match at all for the champions.

Birmingham City give a first appearance to Handysides, as an 18-year-old forward who played for the England youth side in midweek. The transfer-listed Dillon plays in midfield for the injured Curbishley. Handysides made a brief appearance as a substitute against Southampton a month ago.

West Bromwich Albion, also needing points to retain an outside title chance, give a late test to the England midfield player, Bryan Robson, who has an injured ankle. Alistair Brown stands by to deputize against Norwich City in an otherwise unchanged side. Robson limped off after scoring against Liverpool last week.

Leicester City, still deep in the relegation zone, introduce their £60,000 newcomer from Birmingham, Steve Lynex, at Sunderland where the home side recall left back, Hinnigan, for his first game since a September cartilage operation. Parlane may return to the Leeds United attack at Stoke City and the winger, Wood, joins Norwich City's fight against relegation after missing five matches through injury.

The Sunderland defender, Bolton, will pay a heavy price following his sending-off in the last minute of the match at Middlesbrugh last week. The 26-year-old full back has been fined two weeks' wages by his manager, Ken Knighton, for striking the Northern Ireland international, Cochrane. He automatically misses today's game against Leicester and faces a further ban for topping 20 points when he appears before an FA disciplinary committee in London next Thursday.

Mr Knighton said: "I don't normally give details of players' fines, but the circumstances surrounding this particular sending-off have determined me to do so. I won't tolerate the sort of behaviour from any Sunderland player that Joe Bolton showed last week."

Neighbour keeps his place in an unchanged West Ham United team against Chelsea, but Chelsea drop Viljoen following his outburst and subsequent fine. Elmes plays his second full game for Chelsea and Rhoades-Brown replaces Walker.

The Queen's Park Rangers manager, Terry Venables, delays a decision on whether Howe or Hazell will replace the suspended captain, Roeder, for the Loftus Road match against Notts County, second in the table. County have just returned from a mid-winter break in Torremolinos, and their goalkeeper, Avamovic, has recovered from injury and returns to the side.

QPR are inviting nearly 3,000 youngsters to their new West Stand today to take part in a Valentine's Day celebration of youth. Each of the youngsters, who will be admitted free, will be given a blue-and-white scarf and the players will throw sweets into the crowd before the start. Before the match there will be a penalty competition for West London schoolboys. The club secretary, Ron Phillips, said: "This is a thank-you to our young supporters to encourage their participation in the club."

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Stockport	(0)	0	Wimbledon (0)	0
			1,772	

RUGBY UNION: Schools match: High Wycombe RGS 7, Croesyceiliog 18.

Holland's hopes of Cup final are fading

Pat Holland has had the plaster removed from his damaged knee but is almost certainly out of West Ham United's team for the League Cup final against Liverpool at Wembley on March 14. Holland, who received the injury scoring against Notts County on January 17, still cannot fully bend the knee and will be restricted to light exercises for some time. He missed the FA Cup final victory over Arsenal at Wembley last May.

Liverpool will play in their familiar all-red strip in the final. West Ham will have to change to an all-white strip after losing the toss to decide who wears what. Liverpool's League match at Middlesbrough and West Ham's League match at Cardiff, both scheduled for March 14, will be re-arranged.

Little, Aston Villa's former England striker, will miss his club's first division championship challenge this season. He had a cartilage operation at the end of last season and, after several breakdowns, he has seen the club specialist and faces the possibility of another operation on his right knee.

Villa also fear that Pejic, their £250,000 former England full back, may have to give up his career because of a long standing abdominal injury. He has not played for 14 months.

Patching, the Watford midfield player, will miss the rest of the season. The former Wolverhampton player has seen a specialist after aggravating his knee ligament injury this week against Red Star Belgrade—his comeback match. Patching faces another operation at the end of the month.

McQueen, the Manchester United defender, will be out of action for at least a month. The Scottish international damaged his ankle a fortnight ago and it has been put in plaster. This will be his second long spell out of the side. He tore an Achilles tendon in a training accident before the season started.

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'aldo steady in Honolulu, but Watson is better

Honolulu, Feb 13.—Nick Faldo, Britain, continued his steady f on the United States circuit h a two-under-par 70 in the t round of the $325,000 waiian Open here yesterday.

Faldo fared best of the three tons taking part. Tony Jackmaking his first American pearance for several years, had even-par 72 while Peter Oosters went round the Waialae untry Club course in 75. Sandy e, having failed to make the in three tournaments, is not e, choosing instead to practise Florida.

Five Americans are tied for the d after six-under-par rounds of including last year's top ney-winner, Tom Watson, the tish Open champion, and this r's circuit leader, Bruce tzke. Lietzke, who has won of the first five events this r, was again impressive with birdies. He has scored par or ter in 15 consecutive rounds

Sharing the lead with them are Haas, Scott Simpson and Jon ffee. Watson started with an le three at the first hole as he a one-iron to 4ft and holed the t. He had a birdie at the ond but dropped two strokes the third, where his approach long and went into the water. said afterwards: "I played a clown. I was fortunate to ot 66." Six players are one t away—Don January, Terry hl, Pat McGowan, Doug Tewell, Kratzert and Terry Mauney.

LEADERS (US unless stated): 66: Lietzke, T. Watson, J. Chaffee, J. [illegible] S. Simpson. 67: D. January, Diehl, P. McGowan, D. Tewell, Kratzert, T. Mauney. 68: J. [illegible], L. Snead, H. Irwin, B. [illegible]. Foreign scores: 67: I. Aoki (Japan). 70: N. Faldo (GB). 71: N. [illegible] (Japan), J. Gonzalez (Brazil). A. Jacklin (GB). 74: M. Suzuki (Japan). 75: P. Oosterhuis (GB), M. [illegible] (Japan), S. Snow (Samoa). 77: Newton (Australia).

Round of 67 puts Stewart one stroke ahead

From Eric Marsden
Johannesburg, Feb 13

A return to bright sunshine and low scores cheered competitors in the South African Masters tournament on the Milnerton links today after the battering they took from the blustery Cape Souwester yesterday. The third round produced another new leader, Robbie Stewart from Johannesburg, whose 67 gave him a six-under total of 210.

One stroke behind is Nicky Price of Zimbabwe, who also went round in 67, and menacing them both is Mark McNulty, whose 70 put him on 212. The only other players under par at this stage are the overnight leader, Tertius Claassens from Namibia, and Dennis Watson, who are on 214.

John O'Leary (Ireland) is the leading foreign competitor on 218 after a par round today and Ian Mosey, who had a 74, is a stroke behind him and remains the best-placed Briton.

LEADING SCORES (after third round) (South Africa unless stated): 210: R. Stewart, 66, 77, 67. 211: N. Price, 69, 75, 67. 212: M. McNulty, 68, 74, 70. 214: D. Watson, 67, 77, 70; T. Claassens, 68, 73, 73. 217: H. Baiocchi, 73, 75, 69; J. Fourie, 68, 75, 74. 218: J. O'Leary (Ireland), 71, 75, 72; A. Henning, 72, 75, 71; D. Hayes, 68, 76, 74. 219: B. Lincoln, 72, 79, 68; J. Bland, 73, 70, 71; I. Mosey (GB), 71, 74, 74; B. Langer (WG), 71, 75, 73. 220: V. Tshabalala, 65, 78, 77. 221: [illegible] Player, 72, 74, 70; T. Britz, 72, 77, 72; A. Johnstone, 66, 78, 77. 222: N. Job (GB), 75, 78, 69; N. Burch (GB), 69, 84, 69; J. Hawkes, 73, 74, 75; G. Levenson, 72, 78, 72. 223: S. Hobday (Zimbabwe), 75, 73, 75; W. Humphries (GB), 67, 83, 73; A. Chandler (GB), 72, 76, 75. 224: C. Moody, A. Oosthuizen, 75, 77, 72; C. Moody, 70, 80, 74; K. Waters (GB), 71, 78, 75. 225: I. Chownlay, 71, 82, 72 (X); D. Suddards, 71, 78, 75; B. Charles [illegible], 74, 78, 73; V. Baker, 73, 77, 75; P. Barber (GB), 71, 80, 73 (X); R. Rafferty (Ireland), 74, 76, 75 (X); W. Player, 81, 70, 74. 225: D. Williams (GB), 72, 79, 75; B. Sharrock (GB), 72, 79, 75.

Other British scores: 234: A. Murray, 75, 82, 77; D. Poole, 81, 76, 77; T. Morgan, 77, 77, 80. 237: S. Jackson 77, 80, 80. 241: G. Ralph, 75, 82, 84. (X) Amateur.

Hockey

Whalley and Wilkinson even the score

By Sydney Friskin

Twenty-six players have been called for an England training weekend at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, near Marlow. It was not the intention that this training should interfere with the quarter final round of the county championship tomorrow and all the players involved will be released from training in the morning.

There had to be at least one problem. Lancashire and Cheshire are to replay at noon today at Northern Club, Great Crosby, which means that Colin Whalley, the England manager, cannot play for Lancashire as he has to be at Bisham Abbey with his flock. Wilkinson cannot play for Cheshire, which evens the score. This preliminary round match was abandoned a fortnight ago because of fog with the score 1—1 in extra time.

The winners of today's match will leave almost immediately after the final whistle to meet Middlesex in the quarter final match at Eastcote tomorrow.

Three members of the England training squad, Brookman, Bhaura and Batchelor are in the Middlesex team, which means that they will have the same line-up as the one that beat the Royal Navy 4—1 in the preliminary round. Whalley, of course, will be able to play for Lancashire tomorrow if they win, so too will Wilkinson for Cheshire.

Buckinghamshire, who meet Hertfordshire at Clarence Park, St Albans, will be able to call on all the Slough players with the exception of Ken and Steve Partington, who are probably playing for Worcestershire against Wiltshire at Bournville. Somerset, the other survivors from the west are at home to Norfolk, champions of the east, at Glastonbury.

Boxing

Irish eyes are smiling with a silver gleam

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

There is no getting away from the Irish when it comes to the Universities and Hospitals championships. With 19 out of 40 entries, Cork (two), Galway (seven) and UCD (10) will make their presence felt by contesting every weight at the Sports Centre, Kent University, Canterbury, tonight. With a little bit of luck they could leave the other six universities holding runners-up medals.

Three defending champions, Brian Knox (Glasgow), Steve Kennedy (Bradford) and Brian McGinnis (Strathclyde) had better hide the silverware, for the Irish are more than likely to walk straight in and clean up the sideboards, giving anyone in their way a dusting as well. And they are bringing in a heavy, too, a second-row forward from UCD, Sylvester.

Kent, as the hosts, have taken it upon themselves to stop the Irish and have thrown in eight men, including a loose forward, Hooper, to deal with Sylvester.

The most popular weights are light, welter and middle. Light alone has seven entries, the pick of which are Ewege, of Lagos, via Kent, who won the novices in Bath with a first-round knockout, Rae, from Glasgow, and Murphy, from Galway.

At welter, the defending champion, Kennedy, is in for a tough time from Fay, of UCD, who impressed in the Bath championships. Collins, of Kent, is favourite for the middleweight title. He could meet Russell of UCD, or Renfree, of Bradford.

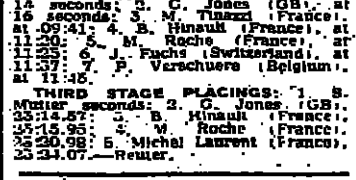
The two light-middles, Witt, of Middlesex Hospital, and Todd, of Edinburgh, had better not let the division down, for the man giving away the trophies is Maurice Hope the world light-middleweight champion. Sportsview, page 8

Cycling

British rider is the only threat to Swiss leader

Marseilles, France, Feb 13.—The Swiss cyclist Stefan Mutter increased his overall lead in the tour of the Mediterranean race today by winning the third stage. Mutter covered the tough 8.5km uphill race against the clock in 23 minutes 2.6 6seconds, to take a 16-second overall lead.

The British cyclist Graham Jones finished second in the stage to retain the same position in the overall standings.



OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, S. Mutter (Switzerland), 9 hours 4 minutes 14 seconds; 2, G. Jones (GB), at 16 seconds; 3, M. Tinazzi (France), at 09:41; 4, B. Hinault (France), at 11:20; 5, M. Roche (France), at 11:25; 6, J. Fuchs (Switzerland), at 11:37; 7, P. Verschuere (Belgium), at 11:48.

THIRD STAGE PLACINGS: 1, S. Mutter seconds; 2, G. Jones (GB), 23:14.57; 3, B. Hinault (France), 23:15.95; 4, M. Roche (France), 23:20.98; 5, Michel Laurent (France), 23:34.07.—Reuter.

Villeneuve, mark two

Milan, Feb 13.—Jacques Villeneuve, younger brother of the Canadian formula one driver, Gilles, has signed a contract with Italy's Alfa Romeo to drive a March-Alfa car in the European formula three championship this year. Aged 26 and 1980 champion in Formula Atlantic, he said he aimed to drive in formula one within two years.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

FA Cup, fifth round

Ipswich v Charlton
Middlesbrough v Barnsley
Newcastle v Exeter
Nottm Forest v Bristol C
Peterborough v Manchester C
Southampton v Everton
Tottenham H. v Coventry
Wolverhampton v Wrexham

First division

Leeds v Stoke
Liverpool v Birmingham
Norwich v West Bromwich
Sunderland v Leicester

Second division

Blackburn v Derby
Bristol Rovers v Bolton
Cambridge U. v Preston
Grimsby v Orient
Q.P. Rangers v Notts. County
Sheffield W. v Oldham
Watford v Shrewsbury
West Ham v Chelsea

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Scarborough; Barnet v Nuneaton; Boston United v Altrincham; Frickley v AP Leamington; Kettering v Barrow; Maidstone v Yeovil; Northwich Victoria v Telford; Worcester v Weymouth.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Alvechurch v Wellingborough; Barry Town v Kidderminster; Bedford v Bromsgrove; Bedworth v Redditch; Enderby v Cheltenham; Gloucester v Bridgend; Milton Keynes v Merthyr Tydfil; Stourbridge v Minehead; Trowbridge v Cambridge City; Witney Town v Taunton. Southern division: Addlestone & Weybridge v Folkestone; Andover v Chelmsford; Aylesbury v Canterbury; Basingstoke v Hastings; Bognor Regis v Dorchester; Dover v Margate; Dunstable v Crawley; Fareham Town v Hounslow; Gosport v Hillingdon; Salisbury v Dartford; Tonbridge v Ashford; Waterlooville v Poole.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup, third round: Gainsborough v Netherfield. League: Burton Albion v Marine; Gateshead v Goole; Grantham v Morecambe; Lancaster v Buxton; Mossley v Macclesfield; Oswestry v Witton Albion; Runcorn v South Liverpool; Southport v Matlock; Tamworth v King's Lynn.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Distillery; Bangor v Glentoran; Coleraine v Cliftonville; Crusaders v Ards; Linfield v Glenavon; Portadown v Larne.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Ferryhill v Hordon; Consett v Durham City; Whitby v Billingham; Willington v Evenwood; South Bank v Ashington; Whitley Bay v Crook; Spennymoor v West Auckland; Shildon v Tow Law; Bishop Auckland v Penrith; Blyth Spartans v North Shields.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton Town v Edgware (2.15); Basildon v Welling United; Burnham v Grays Athletic (2.15); Harefield United v Chalfont St Peter; Hoddesdon Town v Windsor & Eton; Leyton-Wingate v Banstead Athletic; Marlow v Fleet Town; Redhill v Woodford Town; Ruislip Manor v Haringey Borough (2.15).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Tooting & Mitcham; Hendon v Dagenham; Slough Town v Dulwich Hamlet; Sutton United v Enfield; Wycombe Wanderers v Harlow Town. First division: Clapton v Chesham United; Epsom & Ewell v Aveley; Hertford Town v Farnborough Town; Maidenhead United v Billericay Town; Tilbury v Oxford City (at Oxford); Ware v Lewes. Second division: Corinthian Casuals v Hornchurch; Dorking Town v Feltham; Epping Town v Molesey; Horsham v Tring Town; Hungerford Town v Eastbourne United; Letchworth GC v Southall; Rainham Town v Barton Rovers; Willesden v Egham Town.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Boreham Wood v Bishop's Stortford; Bromley v Cheshunt; Finchley v St Albans City; Hitchin Town v Leytonstone & Ilford; Kingstonian v Hayes; Uxbridge v Barking (2.30); Walthamstow Avenue v Harrow Borough; Woking v Carshalton Athletic.

FA VASE: Fifth round replay: Irthlingborough Diamonds v Cray Wanderers.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR FLAGS: Semi-final round: Cheadle v Stockport (at South Manchester and Wythenshawe); Sheffield University v Mellor (at Heaton Mersey).

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Old Stopfordians v Old Hulmeians; Old Waconians v Sale; Timperley v Heaton Mersey.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Hampstead v Oxford University; London University v Kenton; Purley v Buckhurst Hill; St Helier v Lee.

Table tennis

English closed championships (at Gillingham).

Third division

Blackpool v Fulham
Brentford v Portsmouth
Carlisle v Plymouth
Chesterfield v Oxford Utd.
Colchester v Burnley
Newport v Gillingham (3.15)
Reading v Huddersfield
Swindon v Sheffield U.
Walsall v Hull City

Fourth division

Bournemouth v Bradford City
Bury v Aldershot (3.15)
Crewe v Scunthorpe
Halifax v Lincoln
Hereford v Doncaster
Northampton v Hartlepool
Port Vale v Wigan A.
Torquay v Rochdale (7.30)
York City v Southend

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Headingley; Birmingham v Wilmslow (2.30); Blackheath v Richmond (2.30); Bridgend v London Welsh; Broughton Park v Abertillery (2.45); Cambridge University v Wasps (2.30); Cardiff v Bristol; Cross Keys v Cheltenham; Ebbw Vale v Aberavon; Exeter v Newbridge (2.30); Glamorgan Wanderers v Clifton; Gloucester v Bath; Gosforth v Waterloo (2.30); Harrogate v West Hartlepool; Huddersfield v Hartlepool Rovers; Leicester v Newport; Llanelli v Harlequins; London Irish v Liverpool (2.30); London Scottish v Coventry (2.30); Loughborough Students v Wakefield (2.30); Maesteg v Metropolitan Police; Manchester v Rugby (2.30); Morley v Vale of Lune; Moseley v Northampton; Neath v Swansea; Northern v New Brighton (2.30); Nuneaton v Old Edwardians; Orrell v Fylde; Plymouth Albion v Streatham/Croydon; Pontypridd v Nottingham; Roundhay v Bradford; Sale v Rosslyn Park; Saracens v Pontypool (2.30); Sheffield v Hull & ER; Tredegar v Penarth.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION (3.0): Hawick v Gala (2.45); Heriot's FP v Watsonians; Kelso v Langholm; Melrose v Boroughmuir; Stewarts/Melville FP v Kilmarnock; West of Scotland v Gordonians.

Rugby League

THREE FIVES CUP: First round: Hull KR v Barrow (2.30).

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Lancashire v Cheshire (at Northern HC, Liverpool, 12.0).

LONDON LEAGUE: Guildford v Southgate; Hampstead v Beckenham; Hounslow v Purley; London Univ v Dulwich; Mid-Surrey v Maidenhead; Old Kingstonians v St Albans; Reading v Blackheath; Slough v Hawks; Spencer v Bromley; Teddington v Cheam; Wimbledon v Tulse Hill.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford v Beds Eagles; Blueharts v Norfolk Wanderers; Broxbourne v Chelmsford; Cambridge City v Colchester; Ipswich v Southend & Benfleet; Pelicans v Norwich Grasshoppers; Westcliff v Bishop's Stortford.

WOMEN: County championship, semi-final round (at Cheltenham): Hertfordshire v Avon (1.00); Sheffield League v Staffordshire (2.30). Other county matches: Essex v Bedfordshire (at Upminster); Herefordshire v Worcestershire (at Colwall). Representative match: WRAF v British Polytechnics (at RAF Cosford). UAU championship, semi-final round: Loughborough v Bangor (at Lilleshall).

Badminton

Nottingham Open championships (at Chilwell Olympia); Berkshire Open (at Bracknell Sports Centre).

Race walking

GLC 10 miles championship (at Battersea Park).

Rackets

British professional singles championship (at Hayling Island).

Real Tennis

Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club).

Squash rackets

British Universities championships (at Essex University, Colchester); Prodorite invitation tournament (at Edgbaston Priory); Goudie British Polytechnic Championship (at Manchester Poly).

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.0): First division: Birmingham v Stockport; Belgrade; Talbot Guildford v Crystal Palace; Trafford Manchester v Blackpool. Second division: National Breakdown Leeds v Hemeling Wolverhampton; Nottingham v Colchester. National Women's cup final second leg: Crystal Palace v Southgate (4.30).

Scottish Cup, fourth round

Celtic v Stirling A.
Cowdenbeath v E. Stirling
Dundee U. v Partick T.
Hibernian v Falkirk
Kilmarnock v Clydebank
Morton v Aberdeen
Mortherwell v Dumbarton
St. Johnstone v Rangers

Scottish first division

Hamilton v Dunfermline
Raith v Berwick

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v East Fife
Arbroath v Queen's Park
Brechin v Forfar
Meadowbank v Queen of South
Stenhousemuir v Clyde
Stranraer v Aloa

Other match

Swansea v Red Star (Belgrade)

Tomorrow

Football

FOURTH DIVISION: Darlington v Mansfield Town.

Rugby League

THREE FIVES CUP: First round: Batley v Keighley (3.0); Blackpool Borough v Oldham (3.0); Bramley v Warrington (3.30); Castleford v Huyton (3.30); Dewsbury v Hunslet (3.30); Fulham v Wakefield Trinity (3.0); Halifax v Wigan (3.30); Huddersfield v St Helens (3.30); Hull v Leeds (3.0); Leigh v Whitehaven (3.30); Pilkington Recreation v York (at St Helens) (3.0); Salford v Bradford Northern (3.0); Swinton v Featherstone Rovers (3.0); Widnes v Doncaster (3.0); Workington Town v Rochdale Hornets (3.30).

Rugby Union

OXFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Oxford v Henley (3.30).

SURREY CUP: Semi-final round: Esher v London Irish (New Malden, 2.45).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: British Polytechnics v Army (Wilmslow, 2.30).

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round: Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire (at St Albans, 1.45); Middlesex v Lancashire or Cheshire (at Eastcote HC, 2.15); Somerset v Norfolk (at Morlands, Glastonbury, 2.0); Worcestershire v Wiltshire (at Bournville, 1.45). Other county matches: Lincolnshire v Nottinghamshire (at Appleby-Frodingham).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Hampshire v Army (at Bournemouth); St Albans v RAF (at St Albans HC).

LONDON LEAGUE: Wimbledon v Guildford; Richmond v Purley.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (at Cheltenham). Final (1.0): play-offs (11.30). Other county matches: Lancashire v Staffordshire (at Hightown HC, Liverpool); Oxfordshire v Northants (at Pressed Steel Fisher, Oxford); Warwickshire v Avon (at Rugby LHC).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: WRAF v Shropshire (at RAF, Cosford).

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE (4.0): First division: Kelly Girl Kingston v Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead; Sunderland v John Carr Doncaster. Second division: Liverpool v Colchester; Solent v Brunel Uxbridge. First division (women): London YMCA v Nottingham (2.0); Sheffield v Avon Cosmetics Northampton (3.30).

Athletics

Oxford University open meeting (at Iffley Road).
Havering AC winter warm-up meeting (at Hornchurch Stadium).
Luton United AC open meeting (at Stockwood Park).
Mondo Surfaces indoor league (at Haringey).

Badminton

Berkshire open (at Bracknell Sports Centre).
Surrey open (at Wimbledon).

Cross-country

Kent women's league (at Ashford).

Rackets

British professionals singles championships (at Hayling Island).

Real tennis

Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

Squash rackets

British Universities championships (at Essex University, Colchester); Prodorite invitation tournament (at Edgbaston Priory Club); Goudie British Polytechnic Championship (at Manchester Poly).

SPORT

Racing

Badsworth Boy is as good as gold

By Michael Seely

Badsworth Boy and Silver Buck can give Michael Dickinson, the trainer, a day to remember by winning the Schweppes Gold Trophy and the Compton Steeplechase at Newbury (where there is a precautionary inspection at 7.30 am) this afternoon. Badsworth Boy may find Run Hard and Mount Harvard to be his chief rivals in the season's toughest handicap. And Silver Buck will surely find Jack of Trumps, the favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, a tough nut to crack in the three-mile steeplechase.

The Schweppes is not a race for either faint-hearted backers nor for cowardly horses. If Einstein had been a professional punter he would have found it hard to solve the problem set by David Heyman, the handicapper. This year the puzzle seems to be to find a runner without a chance.

Badsworth Boy is sure to give his supporters a run for their money. Carrying top weight at Worcester last month, he put up a fine performance when sprinting away from Fire Drill. Fire Drill is fancied to go well today. At Stockton in his latest race Badsworth Boy failed to give lumps of weight to Bobby Brigg. Not only was the ground extremely heavy, however, but that race also took place a bit too soon after Worcester. The six-year-old has a touch of class, he is carrying a racing weight and has pleased his trainer in his most recent work.

Run Hard is cast in the mould of a potential Schweppes winner. Bob Turnell's six-year-old now in only his second season as a hurdler, was a useful staying handicapper on the Flat. Run Hard ran a fine race in that ever-informative trial, the Lanzarote Handicap at Kempton Park when finishing second to Walnut Wonder. Walnut Wonder received a 6lb penalty for that victory and Run Hard should come out the better on this occasion.

Mount Harvard has been the best-backed horse in the race, having been supported from 25-1 down to joint favourite. Judged on the balance of his form, Nick Henderson's five-year-old could be the pick of the weights. He showed himself to be in good fettle when slamming Golden River at Fontwell Park.

Henderson is delighted with his horse's progress since then, but would welcome a little more give underfoot. The stable is under a cloud at present, there having been no fancied runners from the yard since Bealnablath and Raffi Nelson, who both performed below par at Doncaster.

Applalto was unlucky in running when fourth to Carrig Willy in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle. Hywel Davies felt no ill-effects after riding Aukland Jack in the last race yesterday and feels fit enough to take the mount on Applalto.

Starfen, Bootlaces, Jugador, and Grey Mountain are other fancied runners as are Fred Winter's pair, News King and Sea Image. Starfen will be attempting to defy top weight. He might well have won last season's Triumph Hurdle but for falling at the last flight. Bootlaces turned last year's race into a procession. David Barons's seven-year-old ran well for a long way in Walnut Wonder's race at Kempton and is expected to show improvement.

Sea Image and News King both appear to be weighted to the hilt of their best form, but with the stable carrying all before it anything is possible. Francome's mount, Sea Image, finished strongly when runner-up to Sir Titus at Doncaster and is expected to go close. However, Badsworth Boy must represent the soundest each-way value in an open race.

Badsworth Boy's prospective jockey, Tommy Carmody, broke his collar-bone in a fall on My Buck at Sedgefield yesterday. No replacement had been found yesterday evening, but Francome will deputise on Silver Buck in the Compton Steeplechase. Silver Buck beat Jack of Trumps in the 1979 King George VI Steeplechase and there is no reason why history should not be repeated.

Jack of Trumps turned in a performance full of promise when second to Straight Row in Ireland in January. And Silver Buck has not been seen in public since his second victory in the King George on Boxing Day. However, this fine steeplechaser's finishing speed should prevail on his favourite going.

Another Irish challenger, Anaglog's Daughter, is coming over for the Game Spirit Steeplechase. However, this brilliant mare was disappointing at Leopardstown in her most recent race and Beacon Light is preferred on this occasion.

The highlight at Newbury yesterday was the sparkling display by Broadsword in the Stroud Green Hurdle. Ridden with the utmost confidence by Peter Scudamore, David Nicholson's four-year-old jumped like lightning and is now top quoted at 2-1 for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

Scudamore completed a double on Sugarally in the Harwell Handicap Steeplechase. Going clear at the fifth fence from home Sugarally won by 10 lengths from Approaching. This was also the second winner of the afternoon for George Fairbairn, the Northumberland trainer, as an hour earlier Ben de Haan had partnered Duc de Bolebec to an equally easy victory over King and Country and Dramatist in the Thatcham Handicap Steeplechase.

Fred Winter's fine season continued when Francome rode Broadleas to a narrow but convincing victory in the Aldermaston Novices Steeplechase. However, the great trainer suffered a setback when Midnight Court was pulled up in the straight in the Cricklade Handicap Hurdle.

Francome said afterwards: "Midnight Court did not feel quite right after making a mistake at the last hurdle on the far side". Winter added: "Midnight Court suffered a slight overreach, but we will not know how he is for another 48 hours".

Hills have removed Midnight Court from the betting on the Gold Cup, for which Jack of Trumps and Little Owl are now joint favourites at 6 to 1, followed by Silver Buck at 7 to 1.

STATE OF GOING (official): Wolverhampton: good to soft. Catterick: good (dried out). Newbury: good all round (precautionary inspection 7.30 am). Monday: Nottingham: hurdles course: soft. Chase course: good to soft. Plumpton: good to soft.

Daring Run can walk away with Erin prize

From an Irish Racing Correspondent
Dublin, Feb 13

Pollardstown offers the only English challenge to 13 home-trained hopefuls in the Erin Foods Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown tomorrow afternoon. He has earned his full complement of penalties and the task facing him in trying to give weight to such as Daring Run, Meladon and Rathinree appears severe.

Daring Run, who will be in receipt of 6 lb, is already quoted at shorter odds for next month's Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham when the pair will meet at level weights. Daring Run failed to reach the first three when favourite in the Sweeps Hurdle here at Christmas, but Ted Walsh, his rider, said that he had struck a patch of false ground near the final flight. Subsequently, he ran away with another good handicap at Navan last month.

Meladon, like Pollardstown, a Triumph Hurdle winner, and Rathinree are closely matched with Daring Run in Irish handicaps, but neither has shown consistency in recent seasons.

Slaney Idol beat Daring Run in a photo finish at Cheltenham, but is now at a disadvantage of 6 lb. He refused to take any part in the Sweeps Hurdle but his connexions do not expect a repetition tomorrow and believe that he will reach the first three. Daring Run, however, looks the one to be on and Pollardstown can be runner-up.

Corrib Chieftain, narrowly beaten in the Colonial Cup in America and the Sweeps Hurdle, will appreciate the much better ground tomorrow in the Howard Clarke Leopardstown Steeplechase. He has a handy weight of 10 st 13 lb and it is difficult to imagine that the novice Royal Bond will give him more than a stone, although Royal Bond won the Lambert and Butler Premier Steeplechase final at Ascot.

Corrib Chieftain's trainer, Paddy Prendergast, should also win the Stillorgan four-year-old Hurdle with Tie Anchor. On the Flat Tie Anchor had some useful form including running third to Playboy Jubilee in the Dee Stakes at Chester. He has proved himself a natural jumper and carried off the Sean Graham Juvenile Champion Hurdle over this course and distance at Christmas.

Yet another from the same stable with Cheltenham aspirations is Cobblers Castle. He would not have to make much improvement on his second to Bold Agent here to be a clear-cut winner of the Corinthian Flat race.

French success for Brittain: Marcello brought off an 18 to 1 surprise in the £2,315 Prix de l'Herault at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday to give Clive Brittain, the trainer, his first winner of the year. Ridden by Paul Bradwell, he held on by a fast diminishing head from the French-trained Hard Hitting, with another Newmarket colt, Stand Easy, one and a half lengths back in third place.

Newbury programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0, 2.40 and 3.10 races]

1.30 MINORS' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £1,948: 2m 100yd)

6 00403 Black Earl (Lotron "Ivor Dewdney" Ltd), T. Hallett, 11-4 .... B. Wright 4
8 Cary Mandy (A. T. Smith), T. H. Smith, 11-4 Mr P. Hobbs 7
10 00 Clarendon (R. Phillips), F. Yardley, 11-4 .... P. Barton
11 230 Come on Taffy (G. Cox), L. Wardle, 11-4 .. S. Smith-Eccles
13 Dumper (N. Harrison), D. Underwood 11-4 .. J. Redmond 4
13 p Glitaine (Nimrod Co.), D. Ancil, 11-4 .... J. King
14 04000 Grima (M. Pridham), I. Dudgeon, 11-4 .... G. McCourt
17 2 Homcson (P. Hopkins), J. Gifford, 11-4 .... R. Champion

2.0 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (limited handicap): £6,892: 2m 160yd)

2.40 SCHWEPPES GOLD TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £17,309: 2m 100yd)

3.10 COMPTON CHASE (£4,895: 3m)

3.40 CHARLES HIGGINS CUP (Hunters: amateurs: £1,383: 2½m)

4.10 MINORS' HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £1,833: 2m 100yd)

609 Bold Dealer (Chevertons of Edenbridge Ltd), N. Henderson, 11-4 .... S. Smith-Eccles
610 00 Chevington (P. Hopkins), J. Gifford, 11-4 .... R. Champion
612 30220p Firm Conviction (T. Weekes & Son Ltd.), T. Hallett, 11-4 .... B. Wright 4
613 220002 Firm Foundations (B) (G. Yarrow), M. Hinchliffe, 11-4 .... T. Bolgin 7
614 00 Henry Green (T. Stuart), B. Palling, 11-4 .... C. Candy
616 0 Hurricane Charlie (Mrs C. Williams), R. Turnell, 11-4 .... A. Turnell
618 0000 Luxuriate (B) (Guinea Grill Stakes Ltd.), I. Wardle, 11-4 .... M. Williams
619 0040 Malza (Mrs J. Reglar), R. Hannon, 11-4 .... J. King
620 0 Road to Mandalay (Dataserv Ltd.), D. Barons, 11-4 P. Leach
633 York Cottage (Miss L. Gold), N. Gaselee, 11-4 .... M. Floyd

7-2 Irish Rifle, 4-1 Ballywackmacroo, 5-1 Razaldean, 7-1 Skinflint, 8-1 Arminius, 10-1 Ballytop, 12-1 Bold Dealer, 16-1 Chevington, 20-1 Firm Foundations 25-1 others.

Newbury selections

By Michael Seely

1.30 Toondra. 2.0 Beacon Light. 2.40 Badsworth Boy. 3.10 Silver Buck. 3.40 Spartan Missile. 4.10 Skinflint.

Wolverhampton programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifiers: 5-y-o: £1,923: 2m)

2.0 H GEARY CHASE (Handicap: £1,634: 2m)

2.30 PERTON CHASE (Handicap: £3,314: 3¼m)

3.0 LADBROKE HOLIDAYS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,948: 2½m)

8 0-1041p Charles Swift (D), W. Clay, 9-11-1 .... N. Clay
9 000231 Celtic Rambler (D), F. Rimell, 6-11-0 .... S. Morshead
12 0/004-01 Breeze Wagon (C,D), Mrs W. Sykes, 8-10-10 .... —
16 f0030-0 Mourndyke, R. Atkins, 9-10-8 .... R. Atkins
18 200300 Chirp (D), M. Tate, 7-10-6 .... C. Smith
19 203040 Spark Off (B), J. Baker, 5-10-3 .... J. Williams
21 403-414 Elsell, M. Eckley, 6-10-0 .... A. O'Hagan 7
22 0-04002 Night Runner, Mrs A. Roberts, 7-10-0 .... K. Whyte
23 000000 The Cleavor, K. Lewis, 7-10-0 .... J. Suthern
24 300202 Katliza (D, B), J. Colston, 6-10-0 .... J. Burke
27 0/0022 Arctic Rascal, J. Bradley, 10-10-0 .... G. Davies 7

3.30 LAPLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £631: 2m)

16 p0p Foochow (B), P. Bridgett, 5-10-7 .... Mr C. Bridgett
19 00000p Yellow Chartreuse, P. Cleverley, 4-10-7 .. Mr P. Cleverley 4

7-4 Pearl's Fantasy, 7-2 Boodle's, 5-1 Kilanstown, 6-1 Stansted, 7-1 Parton Belle, 10-1 Testwood Park, 12-1 Romanette, 20-1 others.

4.0 WEST MIDLANDS (Hunters: amateurs: £605: 3½m)

1 11f-1 Village Mark (CD), J. Cann, 7-12-10 .... C. Down
2 21124-4 Spartella (D), W. Barnett, 9-12-7 .... M. Mann 7
3 423/p Cantara, Mrs P. Grainger, 10-12-0 .... J. Weston 4
6 0f/f3-p Clear and Clean, Mrs D. Swinnerton, 9-12-0 .. K. Tellwright 7
7 00/0 Graffiti, J. Adams, 10-12-0 .... J. Pritchard 7
8 1 Gypsy Inn, Mrs J. Gill, 10-12-0 .... R. Stuart-Hunt 7
11 p0000/p Lynwood, Mrs S. Griffiths, 9-12-0 .... N. Oliver 7
12 pp- Maes Gwyn, E. Hughes, 9-12-0 .... P. Brookshaw 7
14 Shraden Comet, W. Everall, 8-12-0 .... S. Brookshaw 7
15 Sweet Linda, J. S. Turner, 9-12-0 .... P. Webber
16 3f02/1- The Wrestler (CD), B. Straight, 11-12-0 .... G. Straight 7

7-4 Village Mark, 5-1 Gypsy Inn, 9-2 Spartella, 6-1 The Wrestler, 8-1 Cantara, 14-1 Sweet Linda, 25-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Wolverhampton selections

By Michael Seely

1.30 High Old Time. 2.0 Sointulla Boy. 2.30 BREGAWN is specially recommended 3.0 Charles Swift 3.30 Stansted. 4.0 Village Mark.

Catterick Bridge programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 ASKE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,014: 2m)

2 00-010f Allerdale (CD), D. MacDonald, 8-12-0 .... J. L. Goulding 4
4 0-21040 Schumann (D,B), M. H. Easterby, 6-11-10 .... A. Brown
5 464210 Anointed (D), G. Richards, 5-11-6 .... M. Todhunter 7
11 20411/0- Suzy Mandel (D), R. Allan, 6-10-11 .... N. Balmer
12 21112-0 Getaway Girl (D), M. Chapman, 7-10-11 .. G. Charles-Jones 7
14 000013 Gala Lad (D), N. Bycroft, 7-10-8 .... A. Stringer 7
16 0/1422 Pittencrieff (CD), E. Weymes, 6-10-8 .... C. Pimlott
17 0121-f Lottie Lanmann (D), Mrs G. Reveley, 5-10-6 .... Mr E. McIntyre 7

2.15 CATTERICK GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap: £2,574: 3½m)

2.45 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifier: 5-y-o: £1,688: 2m)

3.15 NORTHERN CHASE (Hunters: amateurs: £525: 3m 300yds)

3.45 SCORTON CHASE (Div I: novices: £947: 2m)

4.15 SCORTON CHASE (Div II: novices: £939: 2m)

4.45 BROUGH HURDLE (Fillies and mares: novices: £697: 2m)

15 00-000 Bras Lass, J. Parkes, 5-11-1 .... D. McCaskill 7
14 3000 Hope Of Oak, J. Charlton, 5-11-1 .... Mr D. Kinsella
15 0f0 Lucky Apple, C. Pinkham, 5-11-1 .... S. Kettlewell 7
17 u-p My Aglo, R. Whitaker, 5-11-1 .... J. Stockton 7
18 4320 Ribonny, W. Elsey, 5-11-1 .... A. Flint
19 0-0 Rich Discovery, E. Hoselline, 5-11-1 .... G. W. Gray
20 00 Supertramp Girl, J. Fitzgerald, 5-11-1 .... Mr Brennan 7
21 0- Welsh Orbit, C. Barron, 8-11-1 .... J. Goulding 4
22 0 Windiestrae, J. Townson, 5-11-1 .... D. Lancaster
24 41 Caroline Lamb, Miss S. Hall, 4-10-10 .... D. Wilkinson 4
26 04313 Jane Roy, M. W. Easterby, 4-10-10 .... P. Tuck
28 0f0 Charlie's Sunshine, R. Fisher, 4-10-0 .... J. Errington 4
29 Dance Little Lady, J. Fitzgerald, 4-10-0 .... D. Atkins
30 Deedly Venture, A. Watson, 4-10-0 .... —
31 Gibbs Garden, R. Jeffrey, 4-10-0 .... —
32 Go-Il-Alone, J. Berry, 4-10-0 .... Mrs G. Rees 4
33 000r Mikadora, T. Kersey, 4-10-0 .... J. Hansen 7
34 000 Pipul, T. Fairhurst, 4-10-0 .... G. Kersey 4
35 0 Rock Concert, R. Whitaker, 4-10-0 .... C. Fairhurst

11-8 Caroline Lamb, 5-2 Jane Roy, [illegible] Ribonny, 10-1 Copper Tinsell, Supertramp Girl, 12-1 Rock Concert, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Catterick Bridge selections

By Michael Seely

1.45 Pittencrieff. 2.15 Rubstic. 2.45 PATH OF PEACE is specially recommended. 3.15 Tilston. 3.45 Miss Wood. 4.15 Flying Diplomat. 4.45 Caroline Lamb.

Newbury results

2.0 (2.2) THATCHAM CHASE (Handicap: £3,473: 2½m)
DUC DE BOLEBEC, ch g, by Vienne—Countesta (Maj L. Marler), 9-9-13 .... B. de Haan (11-2) 1
King or Country .. P. Leach (9-2) 2
Dramatist .... W. Smith (2-1 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 21p, 39p. Dual F: £1.11. CSF: £2.92. G. Fairbairn at Newcastle. 8l, 1½l. Straight Jocelyn (4-1) 4th. 7 ran. NR: Collars And Cuffs.

3.0 (3.1) HARWELL CHASE (Handicap: £2,607: 3m)
SUGARALLY, b g, by Indaro—Carnaville (M. Shone), 8-10-0 P. Scudamore (8-1) 1
Approaching R. Champion (9-4 fav) 2
Hard Outlook .. A. Webber (7-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 80p; places, 11p, 26p, 15p. Dual F: 91p. CSF: £2.53. G. Fairbairn, at Newcastle. 10l, 2l. Chumson (7-2) 4th. 10 ran.

3.30 (3.33) HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,660: 2m 100yds)
LUCYFAR, ch g, by Sayfar—Lilac Lucy (R. Smith), 5-10-6 B. Shilston (9-2 jt fav) 1
Hill Green .... B. Reilly (33-1) 2
Combs Ditch .... C. Brown (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 20p, 57p, 26p. Dual F: £23.71. CSF: £14.06. F. Walwyn at Lambourn. 1½l, nk. Musso and Asdic 9-2 jt-favs. 27 ran.

4.0 (4.3) CRICKLADE HURDLE (Handicap: £2,737: 2½m 120yds)
TEA-POT, ch m, by Ragstone—Desert Ash (Mrs M. Smith), 5-10-0 .... C. Brown (16-1) 1
Shell Burst .... A. Webber (6-1) 2
Heroic .... P. Leach (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.19; places, 26p, 16p, 20p, 27p. Dual F: £8.63. CSF: £12.31. M. Blanshard, at Lambourn. Sh hd, 6l. Full Sutton 7-2 fav. Gold Invader (10-1) 4th. 17 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: Duc de Bolebec and Broadsword, £8.80. TREBLE: Broadsword Sugarally and Lucyfar, £54.65. JACKPOT: not won. Pool of £1,679.15 carried forward to today. PLACEPOT: £59.30.

Sedgefield

12.45 (12.45) SOUTH SHIELDS CHASE (Handicap): £947: 2m)
GRAND TRIANON, b g, by Diatome—Raduga (T. Gilliam), 9-10-12 Hazel Winn (4-1) 1

1.15 (1.18) RYHOPE HURDLE (4-y-o Novices: £345: 2m)
B AND K EMPEROR, ro g, by Young Emperor—Fiery Clare (B. & K. Motors Ltd), 11-10 P. Tuck (13-8 fav) 1
Pounentes .... N. Doughty (9-4) 2
Whelstone .... J. Mooney (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 26p, 10p. £1.42. Dual F: 67p. CSF: 54p. M. W. Easterby, at Sheriff Hutton. 6l, 2l. Snow Blessed (4-1) 4th. 14 ran.

1.45 (1.48) JOHN JOYCE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,127: 2m)
BERTIE ME BOY, b g, by Philip of Spain—Well Scored (B. Timm), 6-11-0 A. Brown (8-1) 1
Jean Marjorie C. Hawkins (16-1) 2
High Hills .... R. Lamb (9-1) 3

2.15 (2.15) HORDEN CHASE (Handicap: £809: 2½m)
QUAY'S LUCK, ch g, by Quayside—Lucker Jewel (Miss K. Carpenter), 5-10-0 C. Grant (4-1) 1
Hasty Gold C. Hawkins (11-10 fav) 2
King Vulture .. N. Doughty (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 13p, 13p. Dual F: 34p. CSF: 83p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. ½l, 13l. Gordons Lad (14-1) 4th. 6 ran.

2.45 (2.47) MARDEN CHASE (Novices: £820: 3m 600yd)
MARNIK, b g, by New Brig—Time Starsome (K. O'Toole), 7-11-2 .. Mr T. G. Dun (7-2) 1
Brookrayd .... G. Bradley (33-1) 2
Powers .... C. Hawkins (50-1) 3

3.15 (3.20) WULSINGHAM HURDLE (Novices: £345: 2m)
CATHMARIA, ch m, by Great Heron—Macaw (J. Mewies), 7-11-0 .. C. Pimlott (7-4 fav) 1
Danny Bidder .... R. Lamb (7-2) 2
Scalby Suzie .. K. Whyte (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 11p, 13p, 30p. Dual F: £1.80. CSF: 91p. M. Dickinson, at Harwood. 6l, 4l. Avanile (13-1) 4th. 17 ran. NR: Gay Lucky.
PLACEPOT: £45.65.

Rugby Union

Ripley may cash in his amateur status

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

In his always frank and honest fashion, Andy Ripley admitted to me yesterday that if he should happen to win the Superstars final, due in Florida the week after next, there is a possibility that he would consider taking the cash (which could amount to some $40,000) and so automatically surrender his status as an amateur player. Ripley, the Rosslyn Park and former England forward, will participate as European champion.

"I've had so much enjoyment out of rugby", he said, "that I want everything to be above the counter, and I intend keeping it that way. I've hidden nothing from the RFU so far and of course I've passed over everything that has come my way in the Superstar preliminaries. I don't think I'm likely to come first in Florida—some of the 12 finalists are an unknown quantity to me—but in the unlikely event of my managing to do the trick I'd be foolish not to think seriously about taking the money as well as the financial perks that could follow."

These could be very considerable indeed, and Ripley added: "I'm fully aware of what the result must be if I cross my Rubicon. I totally accept the International Board rules about amateur status, and the last thing I would want to be is a cross bearer."

Ripley, whose 24 caps are a record for his country at No. 8, last played for England in 1976, although he has sat on the replacement seat a frustrating number of times—the last occasion in Cardiff this January. He is now 33.

He leaves for the United States tomorrow week but will be back to lead Rosslyn Park in their fourth round John Player Cup match against Metropolitan Police on February 28. The Park will not have his services at Sale this afternoon, but there should be an interesting clash at scrum half between the England incumbent, Steve Smith, and Ian Peck, who was the national reserve in this position throughout the last championship.

Dermott Cullen, recently in impressive form for Park, dislocated a shoulder, a recurrence of an old injury, at Bath last Friday. This provided Peek, whose fractured cheekbone kept him from leading Cambridge in the University match, with an earlier chance than expected to work his way through to the top in his new club. Peck, by all accounts, had a fine game for them at Cambridge in midweek.

In the longer term, selectorial eyes seemed focused on the young Wasps scrum half, Nigel Melville,



Ripley: all above board.

who is playing today at Grange Road. Marcus Rose, England's reserve full back, is none the worse for his midweek hamstring twinge, and the flanker, Toby Allchurch, no longer in the England squad, also returns to the Cambridge University side for the first time since he broke his nose in a game against the Royal Navy. David Cooke, the England open side flanker, misses Harlequins match at Llanelli on account of a minor calf strain. Moseley, leading out their new England cap Nick Jeavons, are at Franklin's Gardens against a Northampton side still apparently beset by injuries or illness. The England stand-off, John Horton, is back in the Bath side at Gloucester after a recent knee strain. Gloucester have recalled Peter Butler at full back for the first time since October.

Gosforth are at full strength for their big merit table match with Waterloo, both teams enjoying 100 per cent records. Leicester, warming up for their hurdle against Bristol in the John Player Cup, have Welsh opposition for the first time this season in the shape of Newport, for whom England's Colin Smart and Wales' Gareth Evans will appear. Newport have still to win away from home. Bristol, due at Cardiff have made seven changes after losing 0—7 to Gloucester at the Memorial ground last week. England's latest reserve loose forward Bob Hesford, has been left out.

London Scottish, with Mike Rea at stand-off and Ron Wilson switched to full-back, entertain a Coventry side who have won [illegible] games out of their last 12. Pontypool, without Jeff Squire and Terry Cobner, play the Saracens at Southgate. London Irish are at home to Liverpool and Blackheath to Richmond, a match preceded in the morning by a "golden oldies" encounter celebrating the first England-Wales international played in these parts 100 years ago. England won by sevel goals, six tries and a dropped goal to nil in 1881. How times have changed.

Evidence on poaching

By Keith Macklin

True to promises made on his return from the France-Wales Rugby League match, David Oxley, Secretary-General of the League, has written a letter to his Rugby Union counterpart, Bob Weighill, detailing serious allegations against the French Rugby Union regarding the poaching of French Rugby League professionals.

Mr Oxley cites the case of Jean-Marc Bourret, whose move from Pia Rugby League club to Perpignan Rugby Union club has caused a furore in France. Mr Oxley reiterated yesterday: "Let no one argue [as French Rugby Union officials have tried to do] that Rugby League in France is an amateur game. It is as professional as we are in Britain".

Bourret was paid a retainer at the start of the season by Pia, and he shared in the pool system of regular match fees from crowd receipts which is standard throughout the French Rugby League game.

When France played Wales at Narbonne the players were on a winning bonus of £100, with a £15 fee for a defeat. Tax and insurance returns, which have to be made to the French Government, can be inspected to prove this.

These written allegations to the RFU are certain to be placed before the French president Albert Ferrase, at the eight-nation international board conference at Cardiff next month.

The British representatives are Mickey Steele-Bodger and Albert Agar, and they have been briefed on press reports. Mr Weighill commented: "We are anxious to hear what our French colleagues have to say." However, he made it clear that the English Rugby Union are not prejudging the issue.

Stewart's comeback

Wellington, Feb 13.—The former New Zealand coach, John Stewart, has made an unusual comeback into the top level of coaching and selection set-up here. The New Zealand Rugby Football Union Council appointed him convener of the two-man North Island selection panel today.—Reuter.

NZ for Romania

Wellington, Feb 13.—New Zealand will play two matches in Romania before their eight-match rugby tour of France in October. It will be the All Blacks' first visit to Romania, who visited New Zealand in 1975. The tour of France will include two internationals.—Reuter.

For the record

Table tennis

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Super division: Hungary 4, Czechoslovakia 3 (in Budapest); West Germany 6, Soviet Union 1 (in Hamburg); Yugoslavia 5, France 2 (in Varazdin, Yugoslavia).

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	6	0	27	15	6
Hungary	6	6	0	25	12	6
Sweden	6	4	2	25	17	4
Czechoslovakia	6	3	3	25	17	3
Yugoslavia	6	2	4	22	20	2
France	6	2	4	19	23	2
West Germany	6	1	5	14	28	1
Soviet Union	6	0	6	6	29	0

Golf

MELBOURNE: Victorian Open: Second round (Australians unless stated): 140: I. Stanley, 66, 74; 145: W. Grady, 69, 74; B. Ginn, 72, 71; W. Dunk, 69, 74. 144: R. Shaw, 73, 71; P. Sweeney, 72, 72; G. Norman, 74, 70; P. Foley, 72, 72. 145: R. McNaughton, 72, 73; C. Strange (US), 75, 70; R. Clampett (US), 72, 73.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hartford Whalers 2, Detroit Red Wings 2; New York Rangers 8, Winnipeg Jets 6; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, New York Islanders 3; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Vancouver Canucks 3; St Louis Blues 3, Montreal Canadiens 3; Buffalo Sabres 6, Washington Capitals 3; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Minnesota North Stars 3; Los Angeles Kings 5, Chicago Black Hawks 5; Colorado Rockies 3, Boston Bruins 3; Calgary Flames 6, Quebec Nordiques 3.

TOKYO: Tour: Japanese Selection 4, Czechoslovakia 4.

Rallying

KARLSTAD: Swedish Rally: Standings (after three special stages): 1, H. Mikkola (Finland), Audi Quattro, 24:30; 2, A. Vatanen (Finland), Ford Escort, 25:04; 3, S. Blomqvist (Sweden), Saab 99 Turbo, 25.08.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York Knicks 122, Cleveland Cavaliers 111; San Antonio Spurs 110, Atlanta Hawks 109; Seattle Supersonics 11[illegible], Portland Trail Blazers 109.

Nordic skiing

SCHONACH (West Germany): World Junior Championships 15 km race: 1, L. Goeran (Sweden) (46:06.2); 2, A. Monsen (46:08.10); 3, G. Sk[illegible] (46:09.56). Combined effort: 1, [illegible] Fleig (W.G.) 209.1 pts; 2, E. Andersen (Norway) 207.5; 3, B. Bleschmidt (E.G.) 206.7. Women's 5 km race: 1, A. Jahren (Norway) (17:27.83); 2, H. Krogstad (Norway) (17:30.69); 3, G. Messner (E.G.) (17:37.45).

Tennis

BANGKOK: Davis Cup (Eastern Zone): India lead Thailand, 2—0 (V. Amritraj beat P. Boralissa, 6—2, 6—[illegible], 6—2; R. Krishnan beat S. Euamong[illegible] 6—3, 6—2, 6—2).

Billiards

MARGATE: Super Crystalate [illegible] Professional Championship: Semi-final round: R. Williams (Stourbridge) beat F. Davis (Stourport) 2,003-999. Williams meets J. Karnehm (Palmers Green) in final today.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)
Flaine	150	500	Icy	Powder	Good	Fine
Good skiing everywhere						
Kitzbühel	80	210	Good	—	Good	Sun
Excellent skiing everywhere						
Klosters	110	230	Good	Varied	—	Fine
Upper slopes perfect						
Saas-Fee	20	70	Good	Crust	Poor	Fine
South facing slopes icy						
St Anton	110	490	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Good skiing everywhere						
Sauze d'Oulx	10	25	Worn	Varied	Worn	Cloud
Very worn everywhere						
Verbier	60	250	Poor	Fair	Poor	Fine
Pistes very worn						
Wengen	90	200	Good	Varied	Good	Fine
Good skiing on pistes						
Wildschönau	100	270	Hard	Crust	Hard	Clear
Firm pistes skiing						

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

NORWAY

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	—	400	Good	—	-13
Geilo	—	100	Good	—	-15
Gol	—	80	Pwdr	—	-19
Lillehammer	—	80	Good	—	-10
Norefjell	—	35	Hard	—	-12
Oslo	—	45	Good	—	-17
Voss	—	180	Good	—	-8

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Only one high-level main run complete. Wet snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: No snow. Vertical runs, 500 feet. Access roads, clear. Snow level 2,800 feet. Glenshee: No snow. Glencoe: A few main runs complete, wet snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: No snow. Vertical runs, 800 feet. Access roads, clear. Snow level 2,700 feet. Lecht: A few main runs complete but narrow, wet snow. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas. No snow. Vertical runs, 300 feet. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000 feet.

Tennis

Whichello takes it seriously

By a Special Correspondent

What was so impressive about Richard Whichello on the opening evening of the 14 and under Saab invitation tournament at the Derby sports centre was the way in which he applied himself to a first round match which, with due respect to his promising young opponent, Nicky Gudka, he could have afforded to take relatively lightly.

In winning 6—1—the matches during the round robin stages are but one set—Whichello used all his shots and showed much of the same class which illuminated his game during last weekend's junior international versus the Netherlands.

Perhaps the pluckiest competitor in evidence at the moment is young Mark Nuttall of Suffolk. He took only one game from the vastly more experienced Gary Key last night, but the way in which he has persisted with the job of altering his double handed strokes—both forehand and backhand—to single handed, has won him many admirers.

RESULTS: R. Whichello (Kent) beat N. Gudka (Essex), 6—1; C. Peet (Lancashire) beat R. Edery (Derbyshire), 6—3; S. Heron (Yorkshire) beat L. Matthews (Hampshire), 6—2; A. Hunting (Gloucestershire) beat D. Smith (Cornwall), 6—3; G. Key (Surrey) beat M. Nuttall (Suffolk), 6—1; I. Mackinlay (East of Scotland) beat C. Bailey (Norfolk), 6—0; J. Goodall (Yorkshire) beat R. Grierson (Staffordshire), 6—2; M. Syms (Devon) beat N. Jones (North Wales), 6—4.

GIRLS: J. Louis (Devon) beat J. Morese (Surrey) 6—0; A. Root (Essex) beat K. Montague (Sussex) 6—1; S. Mair (East of Scotland) beat J. Reeves (Kent), 6—4; C. Gillies (Hampshire) beat F. Couldridge (Dorset) 6—1; L. Harley (Devon) beat R. Charlton (Berkshire) 7—5; A. Grant (Lincolnshire) beat V. Lake (Devon) 6—2; C. Bhaguandas (Middlesex) beat D. Walker (Middlesex) 6—1.

Great fillip for Miss Wade

Oakland, California, Feb 13.—Virginia Wade scored one of her best recent victories to reach the last eight of a $125,000 women's international tournament last night. The 35-year-old British player, seeded fifth here, had a fine 6—2, 6—3 triumph over the 17-year-old West German Claudia Kohde, who had upset the top-seeded Martina Navratilova in the opening round.

Sue Barker, the other British player here, joined Miss Wade in the quarter-final round with a 4—6, 7—5, 6—4 win over the American Sandy Collins.

RESULTS: Third round: V. Wade (GB) beat C. Kohde (WG), 6—3, 6—3; S. Barker (GB) beat S. Collins (US), 4—6, 7—5, 6—4; A. Jaeger (US) beat N. Bohn (Sweden), 6—4, 6—2; E. Norton (US) beat P. Teeguarden (US), 7—5, 6—3; M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia) beat L. Allen (US), 4—6, 6—1, 7—5.

Bowls

Hughes wins on extra end

Malcolm Hughes came from 13—7 down to beat his Hartlepool club colleague, Derek Bell, and reach the final of the £8,500 John Player classic tournament in Darlington last night.

Hughes faces the winner of today's other semi-final round match, between the world champion, David Bryant, and the British Isles women's indoor champion, Norma Shaw, for the £3,000 top prize. Hughes appeared to have no chance, but he recovered and forced an extra end which he won to take the tie 14—13.

Football

BOGOTA: Tour match: Millonarios 0, Czechoslovakia 2.
ROSARIO (Argentina): Tour match: Rosario Central 1, East Germany 0.

Show jumping

Rivals a generation apart

David Broome and Nick Skelton, two of Britain's leading show jumping stars, with almost a generation between them, will be keen rivals for the Lancia Trophy and £1,200 first prize at Park Farm, Northwood, today.

Broome, from Gwent, and Skelton, who rides for Ted Edgar's Everest stable at Kenilworth, have qualified three of their main horses for the competition which is the richest indoor event in the country. Numerically, they will have the advantage over the rest of the field, and although Skelton is confident he can edge Broome out of first place, he will do well to remember that Broome regards the Lancia meeting as something of a personal benefit day.

He won the trophy in 1975 and 1979, and he took the Lancia Silver Lance, the speed contest of the day, in 1975, 1977 and 1980. But it is the other main prize, a Lancia car, that Broome has really made his own. A Lancia which goes to the overall points winner of the trophy and lance, has been driven away by Broome four times in the past five years.

Broome challenges this time with his three Queensway horses, Philco, Special and Big Q. Skelton will be in opposition with two from the Everest stable, Jet Lag and If Ever, as well as FMS Barbarella, which is sponsored by Skim Milk Supplies.

If Broome and Skelton slip up, such world-class riders as Caroline Bradley, Harvey Smith, John Whitaker, Lionel Dunning and last year's trophy winner, Derek Ricketts, will be on hand to take advantage.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Stock markets
FT Ind 493.2, up 3.2
FT Gilts 69.01, down 0.6

Sterling
$2.2855, down 305pts
Index 103.8, down 0.5

Dollar
Index 101.0, up 0.7
DM 2.2195, up 380pts

Gold
$493.50, up $7

Money
3 mth sterling 13¼-13⅛
3 mth Eur $ 18⅝-18⅛
6 mth Euro $ 18n-18⅛

IN BRIEF

ocieties eat off iterest rate hallenge

Jet receipts by building ieties in January were y £2m down on the previous nth at £446m despite lower erest rates offered to in- tors and the recent issue index-linked National Sav- s certificates ("granny nds").

Gross receipts reached 193m, 7.7 per cent up on previous month. But with- iwals also rose by 10 per cent £1,747m.

Mortgage lending by societies l to £857m against £965m December, reflecting a isonal trend, while the iount promised to mortgage plicants was £41m down at 42m. The underlying demand home loans remains strong.

erminal services

Matthew Hall Engineering been appointed by the Gas uncil (Exploration) to pro- ie project and construction inagement services for itish Gas's Rough field on- ore gas transmission terminal ilities at Easington, Humber- e.

owlem contracts

ohn Mowlem, the construc- n group, has won two civil gineering contracts, together rth £5.1m, to carry out work ociated with the Thames od prevention system.

EC loan scheme

EC finance ministers are to et in Brussels on Monday to iclude arrangements for a v Community loan scheme to p member countries with ance of payment difficul- s.

emical strike

taly's 600,000 chemical rkers staged a four-hour ike in protest at rationaliza- n plans by Montedison, which l involve 13,000 redundan- s.

lotorcycle project

The Peugeot motorcycle sub- liary is to invest 210m francs 18.42m) over the next five ars to make two new types 80cc and 125cc machines.

upee revalued

The Reserve Bank of India ised the rupee for the second ne in a month giving 18.90 pees to one pound, an in- ease of 1.06 per cent.

2m laboratories deal

Teaching laboratories worth re than £2m are to be sup- ied to Iraq by Tecquipment ternational of Nottingham.

oint resin plant

ICI is to set up a joint 3,000 nnes-a-year resin plant in pan with Asahi Glass by the d of 1982.

S money supply

The United States narrowly fined money supply, M-1A, ll $500m to $366,900m in the ek to February 4, the New rk Federal Reserve Bank id. The M-1B aggregate rose ,800m to $415,100m.

Vall Street down

On the New York Stock Ex- ange, the Dow Jones indus- ial average closed 5.03 points wn to 931.57. The $ against e SDR was 1.22437, and the £ as 0.531872.

Government's intention to sell off shares in BNOC runs into trouble

By John Huxley

The Government's policy of selling off shares in the state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) has encountered serious snags.

Although both corporation and Department of Energy officials are working on possible schemes whereby the public could be offered an equity stake, there are no immediate plans for doing this.

The most intractable problem is the disruptive effect any scheme would have on the dozens of agreements which BNOC has struck with private sector partners in the North Sea.

Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State for Energy, confirmed yesterday that no particular scheme for a sale of equity was under consideration. However, he reaffirmed the Government's determination to introduce private capital into BNOC at some time in the future.

Powers which would enable the Government to do this are contained in the Petroleum and Continental Shelf Bill, published by Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday.

The Bill proposes an increase of £200m in the corporation's borrowing limit to £800m, with a provision for it to be increased to £1,000m. It proposes a further change in the financial structure of BNOC.

The corporation's links with the National Oil Account would be severed and government financing would come, as with other state corporations, from the National Loans Fund. The Secretary of State would determine the starting debt under the new arrangement.

The absence of any firm proposals to offer an equity stake will disappoint many of the Government's supporters who want to see ministers moving faster to roll back the frontiers of the state sector.

Mr Gray said yesterday that the Government remained committed to the principle of introducing private capital into Britain's North Sea activities. Loan stock or "revenue bonds", whose return would be linked to fields in which BNOC has a share, would also be issued.

The latter initiative does not require a change in legislation. Plans for sale of bonds, probably worth a total of £500m and available across the counters of Post Offices and elsewhere, are going ahead. The Government expects the first to go on sale around the turn of the year.

The Bill would allow BNOC to dispose of shares in subsidiary companies only on the oil exploration and production side of its business. The downstream trading activities will remain wholly in government control.

Sale of shares would require the approval of both the Energy Secretary and the Treasury, and there is provision for the introduction of a profit-sharing scheme for BNOCs 1,950 employees.

Mr Gray said that the introduction of the Bill should boost morale among BNOC staff, who have experienced a long period in which they felt the Government's intentions towards the corporation were uncertain.

Apart from enabling the Energy Secretary to alter the financial structure of BNOC, the Bill tidies and amends earlier North Sea legislation.

Existing law is extended to cover gas storage facilities and accommodation installations (such as the Alexander Kielland "floating hotel" which sank last March with the loss of 123 lives), and to include installations in cross-boundary fields (reflecting treaty arrangements with the Norwegians).

US energy budget facing big cuts

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 13

President Ronald Reagan has been sent proposals by the Office of Management and Budget for vast cuts in United States government spending on energy supply and conservation. All government energy policy planning and regulation is to be heavily reduced.

The President is likely to accept most of the proposals and announce them soon. Details of the plans are contained in Budget Office documents, which say that ending domestic oil and gas price controls will unleash free market forces, stimulating conservation and supply efforts and so greatly reducing the need for government involvement.

The Budget Office believes that the free markets will guard against unforeseen dangers to the economy and, as a result, it plans to save $79m (£34m) by scrapping contingency petrol rationing programmes and proposes that the budget of the Energy Department's Office of "Emergency Preparedness" be cut to $2m from $17m.

Savings in energy department administrative costs of $93m could be made on the present $370m budget, including a cut of $18m in the $41m budget for international policy affairs.

This latter cut would result from efforts to "reduce policy contracts and eliminate international energy planning activity. International commitments would be terminated. Reduction of staff would eliminate duplication of State Department and Central Intelligence Agency efforts."

The budget of the main Department of Energy division involved in data collection, forecasting, policy analysis and regulatory controls could be halved to $61m in the fiscal year that starts on October 1.

But the budget documents, which are mainly concerned with the coming year, also include detailed plans for immediate spending reductions for the rest of the 1981 fiscal year.

The Administration has decided to retreat from government efforts to secure greater energy conservation and rely on free markets to secure this.

About $36m would be saved immediately by ending government programmes that assist power companies to change from oil to coal. The documents simply state: "Coal conversion: eliminate. Utility programmes: eliminate."

Big conservation programmes could be cut by $453m to $478m in the coming year. Market forces and existing tax credits made many government efforts here either "superfluous" or imposed "too great a regulatory burden on the public".

Similarly, most government programmes on energy supply were not needed and were wasteful and free market forces would produce the needed developments.

Total spending on the energy supply and environmental programmes could be cut by $114m this fiscal year to $482m and $203m in fiscal year 1982 to $402m.

The cuts would end numerous government-funded research programmes on geothermal and hydro-power systems, finish all work on short-term storage schemes for energy and cut sharply work on the environmental and health effects of new energy systems.

Further sharp reductions are advocated in government funding of work on fossil fuels and assorted synthetic fuel systems with savings set to bring the outlays for the next fiscal year down to $410m from $765m.

President Reagan has not backed away from the pledge he made during his election campaign to abolish the Department of Energy and his plans to cut the department's spending may go even further than the Budget Office.

His Administration's views on energy conservation and free enterprise are illustrated in another Budget Office paper dealing with transport.

It proposed that government support of the development of urban transport systems should be cut in the coming fiscal year by $448m to $2,402m, then cut by $1,165m to $2,200m in fiscal year 1983 and cut by even bigger amounts in later years.

The Budget Office said that it was primarily the duty of local authorities, not the federal government to pay for these systems and that there were less capital intensive ways to improve urban transport such as, car pooling, van pooling, subscription bus service and cab services.

"Energy savings that can be attributed to mass transit capacity expansion are extremely limited," it said.

Rush of applications for shares in Aerospace

By Catherine Gunn

Last minute applicants for the £150m flotation of British Aerospace shares converged on Lloyds Bank in Old Broad Street, London, yesterday.

A queue 400 yards long quickly formed as investors clutching briefcases bulging with applications and covering cheques hurried to be sure of getting in on time.

Lloyds opened its doors early to avoid a stampede and within a minute of the official opening of the lists at 10 am, all the waiting applicants had handed in their applications. The Labour party's declaration that it will renationalize British Aeropsace had no effect on the issue.

By midday Kleinwort, Benson, the merchant bank and underwriter, confirmed that the issue was oversubscribed. By yesterday evening, the market was guessing that it was between four and five times oversubscribed.

The guesses had crept upwards throughout the day, together with estimates of what premium over the 150p a share price the 100 million shares might go to when dealings start on Wednesday.

By the evening most marketmen agreed that a premium of 15p was a safe bet and 20p a real possibility. Jobbers said the shares should trade well thereafter, especially if the new civil aircraft, the 146, gets under way towards the summer as expected.

The basis of the allotment of shares to applicants would be announced on Monday, Kleinwort, Benson said yesterday. The prospectus made it clear that the small investor would be favoured, so the market is going for applications of up to 100 shares being accepted in full, and higher applications getting a scaled down proportion of the shares applied for.

If the issue is as much as five times oversubscribed, dealings next week are expected to be brisk as institutions try to top up holdings. A firm, busy equity market to end the first leg of the account yesterday added extra spice to jobbers' expectations of a good market in British Aerospace.



Photograph by John Manning

Women at Lloyds Bank work through the flood of applications for British Aerospace shares.

Four beet sugar factories to be closed

By Hugh Clayton

At least four of the 17 beet sugar factories owned by the British Sugar Corporation are to close before this year's crop is harvested. An announcement will be made.

The closures have been decided because the Government has agreed to accept an EEC beet quota for Britain which is lower than the amount which the corporation can now process.

The 17 factories, all in central and northern England, can process 1.25 million tonnes of home-grown beet. Ministers have reversed the Labour Government's policy of expanding home sugar production and have decided to accept a quota of 1.15 million tonnes for Britain so long as other EEC countriese accept similar cuts.

Tate & Lyle, the remaining British refiner of cane sugar, plans to cut capacity by closing its Liverpool refinery this year. Such a closure will lead to the loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

Ministers believe that beet capacity must be cut because of a steady fall in British demand for sugar in the past four years. It has also accepted that almost all of the 1.3 million tonnes of cane sugar which the EEC is bound by treaty to import must be refined in Britain.

The National Farmers' Union will tell the corporation that it will expect compensation for beet growers whose transport costs are increased by the closure of the factories nearest to their farms.

Dollar gains against pound and mark

By John Whitmore

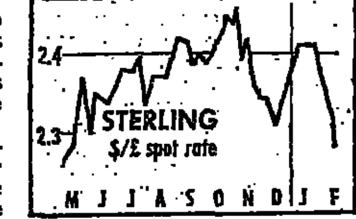
The dollar continued to advance strongly on the world's foreign exchange markets, recording further sharp gains against both sterling and the Deutsche mark.

International investors continued to add to their dollar portfolios in the belief that the Reagan Administration will take a tough line on the economy and that dollar interest rates will remain high for some time to come.

To some extent the dollar is now benefiting from a "bandwagon effect". Whether that bandwagon will receive fresh impetus or be stopped in its tracks when the President sets out his plans for the economy next Wednesday remains to be seen.

Yesterday the dollar gained a further 3.8 pfennigs against the Deutsche mark, in spite of substantial West German central bank intervention. The dollar closed at DM 2.2195, making a gain of 3¾ per cent on the week.

Sterling, too, came under pressure against the dollar for most of yesterday's session, finishing only marginally above its lowest level of the day, a net 3.05 cents down at $2.2855. Over the week the pound has lost nearly 6 cents against the dollar.



Sterling has, however, continued to perform well against most other main currencies. Although its value against a basket of currencies slipped 0.5 to 103.8 yesterday, its overall value has remained unchanged over the week.

In domestic markets the weekly Treasury bill tender once again reflected mounting confidence that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, will announce a reduction in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate in his Budget speech on March 10.

Applications for the £100m of three month bills on offer totalled £480m, and the average rate of discount at which bills were allotted fell from 12.42 per cent to 12.29 per cent.

Other money market rates were little changed and the general feeling is that they are likely to remain steady now until the final run-up to the Budget.

Rolls-Royce to make 460 redundant

By Clifford Webb, Midland Industrial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce is to make 460 of the 3,340 employees at its Ansty, Coventry, plant redundant within the next few months.

A company statement blamed a combination of falling demand for its industrial and marine engines, and the need to improve the group's overall competitiveness in international markets by reducing manning.

Ansty designs, assembles, and supplies gas turbine engines for ship propulsion, electricity generation, and oil and gas pipeline pumps. It also repairs Rolls-Royce aircraft engines.

It has been hit by a Central Electricity Generating Board standstill on purchases of peak load generating sets and government cuts in defence spending. The strength of sterling has also put it at a disadvantage in overseas markets, which account for a substantial part of output.

A company spokesman said: "We hope that a significant proportion of the redundancies will be accounted for by early retirement and voluntary leavers".

Sir Hugh attacks Fraser board

By Philip Robinson

Sir Hugh Fraser, deposed chairman of the stores group which owns Harrods, yesterday attacked Professor Roland Smith, its present chairman, and the House of Fraser directors who ousted him three weeks ago.

In a statement issued through solicitors, Sir Hugh says Professor Smith is not the man to head the group and that the 14 directors defending Britain's biggest stores group against a £158m takeover bid from Lonrho, its largest shareholder, have not given all the facts on board changes in a statement to shareholders issued last Tuesday.

The House of Fraser board said then that six days before Sir Hugh was ousted as chairman he reached a private understanding with Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Lonrho chief executive and Fraser director, without the knowledge of any of his board colleagues. It also detailed the events leading to Sir Hugh's dismissal.

But Sir Hugh says that the only understanding he reached with Mr Rowland was the one prior to the board meeting at which he was deposed, "to the effect that he could rely on Mr Rowland's support at that meeting in remaining as the company's chairman and that the appointment of Professor Smith should be resisted".

The statement goes on: "This was the full extent of the understanding which in no way conflicted with Sir Hugh's duties to the board and the shareholders. Sir Hugh was then and is now of the view that Professor Smith is not the right person to chair the company's board—it would appear to be an appointment simply for the purposes of resisting the Lonrho offer and in those circumstances Professor Smith's impartiality may be open to question."

Sir Hugh says that he does not consider that the board's circular is either straightforward or contains all the facts material to board changes.

He said that he was waiting for his lawyer before adding anything to the statement.

He added: "I can't release any details of the private meeting of the company, but if you check the minutes of that board meeting with the statement put out by the House of Fraser directors you will find they do not tally."

Professor Smith was not available for comment last night and Fraser directors were not expected to issue a statement.

Sir Hugh also told the "huge number" of shareholders who have asked him for advice to make up their minds on Lonrho's 150p a share offer on price. His advice comes amid unconfirmed reports that a large firm of Edinburgh stockbrokers have recommended to shareholders to sell half their stakes in the stock market now.

Last night Wood Mackenzie; Bell, Lawrie; MacGregor and Wishart, Brodie all denied giving such advice. But Scottish financial circles were saying that the advice would not be unsound at the moment.

Lonrho, which has brought its Fraser stake very close to 30 per cent since it made its offer, cannot buy more shares in the stock market until it has approval from its own shareholders on March 4.

Harrisons offer for rest of Sumatra

By Michael Prest

Harrisons & Crosfield is offering London Sumatra shareholders either 463 of its own shares for each 1,000 London Sumatra shares, or 720p cash for the H & C shares they accept. The cash will be paid by Baring, the underwriters.

But H & C warns shareholders that 1980 pretax profits will not match the previous year's £58.4m.

The share offer is equivalent to about 359p for each London Sumatra share. RIT, Sipef and McLeod Russel have accepted the cash offer, valuing the 53 per cent H & C does not hold at 333p a share or £28.4m.

A spokesman for London Sumatra said the company was still deciding whether to recommend the offer. Mr Thomas Prentice, chairman of H & C, said the offer for London Sumatra and the possible bid for US chemical interests, which has been put at £50m, would probably be financed from cash reserves.

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PRICE CHANGES

Rises

eron't	20p to 393p	Lnd & Prov Sh	15p to 438p
iploma	12p to 171p	Ldn Sumatra	13p to 355p
owell Holds	13p to 230p	Rand Mine Prop	15p to 243p
inross	32p to 571p	Unitech	15p to 259p
all	22p to 356p	Unt Scientfc	15p to 353p

Falls

ovil	7p to 271p	Man Ship Canal	6p to 160p
agle Star	5p to 249p	Nthgate Explor	10p to 310p
ee Cooper	5p to 155p	Pearl	8p to 432p
ucas Ind	5p to 162p	Sun Life	5p to 270p
egal & Gen	5p to 217p	Steep Rock	8p to 207p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells		Bank buys	Bank sells
ustralia $	2.04	1.96	Norway Kr	13.15	12.50
ustria Sch	37.40	35.20	Portugal Esc	134.50	128.00
elgium Fr	84.00	80.00	South Africa Rd	2.21	2.06
anada $	2.83	2.74	Spain Pta	201.50	192.50
enmark Kr	16.10	15.30	Sweden Kr	11.13	10.58
inland Mkk	9.88	9.38	Switzerland Fr	4.77	4.54
rance Fr	11.95	11.45	USA $	2.35	2.28
ermany DM	5.21	4.97	Yugoslavia Dnr	88.50	83.00
reece Dr	120.00	114.00			
ongkong $	12.60	12.00			
reland Pt	1.40	1.34			
aly Lir	2520.00	2410.00			
apan Yn	498.00	472.00			
etherlands Gld	5.64	5.38			

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Big rise in drinks tax could bring back private stills

Bootleg warning to Chancellor

The shadow of prohibition America in the 1920s and 1930s descends upon Britain this St Valentine's Day, with the possible reappearance of bootleg whisky and illegal private stills. This prospect was raised yesterday by the Wine and Spirit Association as a warning to the Chancellor of what might happen if he tried to raise extra revenue by fixing swingeing increases on drink taxation in next month's Budget.

The association has forecast a shortfall of between £150m and £250m on the Treasury's excise revenue from wines and spirits since the Budget.

Mr Dennis Webb, the association's chairman, believes the drinks industry can put forward its strongest argument for years against Budget increases. But Mr Webb admitted that the revenue shortfall just might force Sir Geoffrey Howe to impose a big increase in drinks tax.

That would mean a real danger of people trying to distil their own spirits in secret, illegal stills. He pointed out that the health risk in making your own alcohol was as serious as the illegality.

Sales downturns in most sectors of the drinks market were caused by the Chancellor's excise duty increases in the last Budget, Mr Webb said.

The Chancellor had expected those rises to bring in an extra £273m in revenue. The Scotch Whisky Association has already estimated that, in the first seven months after the Budget, revenue from spirits was down 13 per cent because of lower sales.

The Wine and Spirit Association estimate, which it says takes into account the usual pre-Budget drink buying rush, gets perilously close to indicating a negative revenue return for the Treasury.

In the 11 months to last November, almost all sectors turned down.

If the association's arguments fail to move the Chancellor, Mr Webb is hopeful that EEC pressures might at least save wines from too high an impost. This is because the EEC is looking for more equitable tax treatment of wine compared with beer.

Derek Harris



PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Unit trusts

A package deal for monthly income

Would you buy a unit trust from Ronnie Barker? You will soon have a chance to do just that. The portly comedian has been signed on as media marketing consultant to Arbuthnot Securities and begins a series of radio advertisements for them today.

To coincide with the promotion the group is launching its new Maximum Security Plan which is designed to provide unitholders with a monthly income. The money—minimum investment £600—is split between three Arbuthnot high yielding unit trusts the quarterly distribution dates of which have been phased to provide the monthly payment.

The three chosen vehicles are the new Gilts and Fixed Interest fund, the Preference Share fund and the High Yield fund—which respectively yield 12.4 per cent, 13.3 per cent and 10.6 per cent to provide a combined estimated return of 12.1 per cent gross.

It is an idea which is likely to appeal particularly to older investors and is virtually without rival in the unit trust field. Ansbacher Unit Management runs a Monthly Income Fund, also returning 12.1 per cent, but the minimum investment is 2,000 units (£3,100). Alternatively, a judicious spread of building societies can provide an investor with a monthly income too. It is higher at 13.25 per cent gross, but of course, there are no capital growth prospects.

It is a pity perhaps that Arbuthnot has not laid a greater emphasis on the equity component of the plan. Mr Michael Barrett, the managing director, agrees that the plan does adopt a "defensive posture"—but, he argues, this is what professional advisers told him their clients wanted.

If the plan takes off, he said the group might consider another version for the younger generation with a greater equity content.

Margaret Stone

Insurance

'Life offices': reasons for the shake-out

This week yet another company, Provincial Life, relinquished its membership to the industry trade body, the Life Offices' Association. Its *departure follows hard on the heels of Schroder Life's* resignation last week. Other companies which can be added to this list are Abbey Life, a leading unit linked office which left the organization at the end of last year and Crown Life which went last June.

Members of the association have to abide by two main rules. The first is the commission agreement which lays down how much a life assurance company can pay insurance brokers for putting business its way.

The second is the new code of practice, published last month, which dictates selling procedures. On the face of it, it is the commission agreement that the outgoing companies are grumbling about. They want to pay more to brokers which in turn should increase their level of business from this source.

But it is not necessarily the rate of commission for selling any particular policy that companies want to increase—although Abbey increased its commission rates by 20 per cent once it had relinquished its membership. There is also the question of volume override commission, which means that once brokers placed a certain amount of business its way, the insurance company will pay them a bonus on top of the normal commission rates.

The association is totally opposed to this practice. How it argues, can a broker remain impartial, if it knows that building up business with one particular company will prove more lucrative than spreading it around a number of different companies?

Only time will tell whether this will happen in practice, but even then it will be difficult to quantify how much increase in business written by a life office is attributable to increased commission.

Figures produced by the LOA show new business for life assurance companies in total increased by 16 per cent in terms of new annual premiums while single premiums have virtually come at a standstill.

Unfortunately the conventional and unit linked offices figures are not available until next week, but the unit linked figures for the first nine months of this year show new annual premiums (excluding occupational pension business) up 29 per cent on the comparable period for 1979 with single premium business up a modest 2 per cent.

Non-LOA unit linked offices will have matched or done much better than the industry norm.

For 1980, as a whole, for example, Albany Life saw new annual premiums jump by 41 per cent while single premiums leapt by 64 per cent over the previous year. At Trident Life new annual premiums were up 24 per cent and single premiums 77 per cent (after taking out short-term income bonds).

Abbey Life, on the other hand, lagged behind with new annual premiums up 18 per cent, although its single premium business was up 34 per cent, despite its protestations at the time it left the LOA. Generally it seems that there is room for improvement. Indeed, companies that have always been outside the LOA fold report that they are coming up against Abbey Life much more than in the past in the new business field.

The success of Crown Life, which left the LOA in June last year, seems to indicate that a higher commission policy pays dividends. New business last year was substantially better than in previous years, showing a 43 per cent and 53 per cent jump on new annual and single premiums respectively. The company says it does not know how much of this is attributable to its increased commission, a figure that is nigh on impossible to quantify. But it cannot go unnoticed that the company has seen a big increase in business over previous years.

All the companies which have left the LOA, bar Abbey Life, are relatively small and will therefore find it easier to chalk up higher percentage increases in new business from a relatively low base. Nevertheless, the well established Irish Life has had tremendous success on the new business front since it left the LOA three years ago.

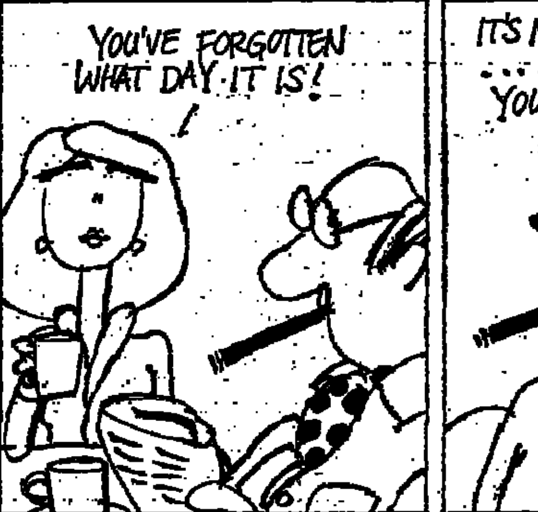
Unit-linked offices spell out the charges they made on their policies—albeit in a complicated way which defies comprehension some would argue. If they choose to enter into a commission war the net result would be a squeezing of profit margins to fund increased remuneration to brokers, or an increase in the policy charges, which would make them immediately uncompetitive with other offices.

Life offices and the LOA believe that the resignation of these four unit-linked offices from the trade association will not lead to a commission war between life offices—for which the policyholder will ultimately pay.

Nevertheless, a dwindling membership of a trade association can only weaken the LOA's position as the watchdog over this particular industry.

Sylvia Morris

HOFF of HEYBRIDGE HEATH BY ROSS







Holidays

Boats with time for sale

Sailing enthusiasts are not known for being a parsimonious bunch which, given the cost of their weekend passion, is probably a good thing.

But the head of the most profligate sailor is likely to be turned by an advertisement which boasts: "For less than your milk bill you can afford holidays on our own yacht in the Med, every year for 10 years".

This particular claim comes from the Hampshire yacht company of Tarquin and concerns that fast-growing practice of time-sharing. The cheapest time-share deal, says the company, works out at £3.64 a week over 10 years which leads one to think that someone at Tarquin must drink an awful lot of milk.

But is time-sharing really a bargain? The system works by giving you a chance to own a share in a vessel and use it for as many weeks as you choose to pay for. The agreement lasts for 10 years and prices vary according to the time of year in which you want the vessel. At the end of the decade the yacht is sold and 90 per cent of the proceeds distributed between the members in direct proportion to their original investment.

In addition to the ownership charges, there will be maintenance costs of at least £100 a week used during 1981 which, quite clearly, will rise over the years.

The advantages, says Tarquin, are that time-sharing is much cheaper than owning your own luxury yacht, and that the scheme, because it involves ownership rather than simple chartering, will result in the vessel staying in better condition than might otherwise be expected of one which is used *by many different people*.

Tarquin's is fairly typical of other marine time-share deals we looked at the cost for a family of four, two adults and two children under 12, who wanted to go on holiday for two weeks from August 24 this year.

Tarquin's only time-share base is in Port Camargue on the Mediterranean in southern France, near Montpellier. The two weeks concerned, in a Sadler 32, a popular seven-berth sporting yacht, would cost £3,885 for the 10-year ownership fee. Maintenance this year would add a further £200. Adding 10 per cent to account for lost interest on alternative investment, this would bring the total outlay for *this year to £4,697*.

Maintenance for the next nine years rising at 10 per cent a year probably an estimate on the low side, would cost £2,990. If the yacht sold for £20,000 at the end of the agreement, it would bring this particular owner a rebate of £1,418. This would leave the final cost for the 10 years at £6,066 or an average of £606.60 a year.

Air fares to Montpellier this year would cost the family a further £520, plus £20 for transfers if they lived in London. So their 1981 holiday would cost them, exclusive of food, drink, entertainment and fuel, a total of £1,146.60.

The basic ownership fee is inflation-proof, but air fares and maintenance charges are not. And the gap between the total time-share cost and that which one might expect to pay *on a charter is small*.

A few phone calls to charter companies advertising in the yachting press soon produced an offer of a new Sadler 32 for £800 for precisely the same sort of family for the same fortnight. With similar transport fees the total cost for this holiday would be around £1,320, £174 more than the time-share deal.

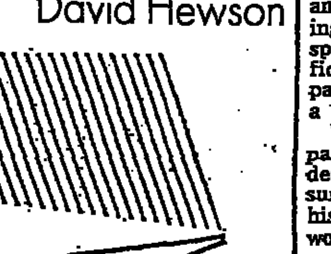
What's more, this particular yacht sails out of the Gulf of St Tropez, a much more convenient location than Port Camargue.

The same family could also book a Sadler 32 for the same period sailing out of Lefkas, south of Corfu, for £1,642 including air fares and transfers.

So the time-sharers would find themselves making a modest saving, and one which could be increased if there was not a highly experienced sailor among its ranks.

Any reputable time-sharer, such as Tarquin, will not hesitate to provide contract documents for consideration by your solicitor. While most time-share operators are above board, simple caution ought to demand such a check by anyone seriously thinking of taking up a contract.

David Hewson



Taxation

Cutting the CTT bill on your home

If your estate consists largely of your house you may have a substantial capital transfer tax problem and little room for manoeuvre. It is much easier to make gifts of small amounts—through the £2,000 per annum exemption or by regular gifts from income—if you have cash.

The first step in most CTT planning is to decide whether you actually have a CTT problem and then whether you want to do anything about it. Anybody with a potential estate of about £50,000 has almost certainly no problem, since there is no CTT payable on estates below that thrshold.

So, if you add up all your assets—including your house—is the tax payable significant and worth worrying about? Remember, assets do not suffer capital transfer tax when they pass between husband and wife, a major advance on the old position that used to exist under estate duty.

Once you have done your homework and decided that the family house could place a tax burden on the next generation, start your planning by looking first at your will and the way in which the property is owned.

It is one of the fundamental rules of CTT planning that each person should where possible use his or her own £50,000 nil rate band. In the case of a married couple, whoever dies first should pass down at least £50,000 direct to the children and then leave only the remaining estate to the surviving spouse. This has the very beneficial effect of reducing the tax payable at the second death by a dramatic amount.

The problem, however, is to pass down assets at the first death without endangering the survivor's security or reducing his or her liquidity: in other words, you must leave your wife somewhere to live, and enough to live on. The best way in these circumstances is often to pass down a share in the house.

Almost all husbands and wives who own their homes jointly have what is called a "joint tenancy"—nothing to do with landlords and tenants. It simply means that when one of the joint owners dies, the property passes to the survivor automatically and without reference to the deceased person's will.

If you want to pass down part of the value of the house at the first death you should *ask your solicitor to sever the* joint tenancy and replace it with a "tenancy in common". Under this form of joint ownership, each party can leave his or her share in the house directly to children or even part of the share to the children and part to the surviving spouse.

Your widow or widower would then be living in a property where the ownership is shared with the children. Most fears about future security can be allayed by granting a protected lease to the parent. And the surviving parent still has the ultimate sanction of changing his or her will with respect to the rest of the estate; if the children are in any way uncooperative, a threat to leave it to the local cat's home might do the trick.

A single person who wants to pass on a property without paying enormous amounts of CTT faces an even more difficult problem. One course of possible action could be to give away a share in the home. A gift worth about £50,000 would pass without a tax charge on the life-time transfer and although the tax charge at death would not be directly reduced, at least it would not increase in value as property prices rise in future years.

However, perhaps a loan would be a better way to freeze the value of an estate in money terms rather than to allow it to increase in line with the value of the house. The owner of the property could lend the amount to the intended beneficiary, who in turn would then use the money to buy the property or a share in it.

The loan would stand as an asset in the donor's estate but it would be for a static amount and from time to time a gift could be made by the donor by way of cancelling part of the loan; this could be done perhaps through one of the exemptions.

Remember that if you make an interest free loan of this kind and then cancel it regularly each year at the rate of say £2,000 a year using the annual exemption, you do not have an effective tax plan. The Inland Revenue call this series of transactions an "associated operation" and it is certain to be treated as a taxable transfer.

The capital gains tax position after a transfer of ownership is important. You could end up saving capital transfer tax but paying capital gains tax.

If the person who lives in the house is a divorced, separated or widowed mother of the owner, then any appreciation in the value of the property would in any case be free of capital gains tax after the transfer of ownership. If the transferor is a father in the same position or a married couple, then this transaction *could generate a capital gains* tax liability.

There are other ways of making gifts if you have a substantial estate but no cash. The problem is that they mostly represent gifts of amounts denominated in cash and therefore do not appreciate in value.

For example, if you wanted to use the £2,000 a year exemption you could borrow £2,000 from the bank each year and give it to the beneficiary. He could then lend it back to you and you could repay the bank loan. The transaction should be documented to this effect and hopefully at your death, the Inland Revenue will accept that the notes are evidence of a real debt against your estate.

Another way of depleting your estate on your death but generating income now would be by way of a "home income plan", normally thought of in connexion with low income families. An annuity is purchased with the proceeds of a loan taken out on your house. The income, less mortgage interest, can then be used in order to generate life-time transfers—perhaps through the medium of a whole of life insurance policy. At death, that part of the house reverts to the insurance company reducing your estate.

Finally, here are some practical points. Do use a solicitor for any of these transactions. Not only must they be done correctly but it is essential to discuss these kinds of decisions with a professional adviser. CTT may not be the most important problem long term; your future personal security perhaps should concern you more.

Danby Bloch and Raymond Godfrey

Credit

A gold card temptation

If the television advertisements had persuaded you that an American Express card was the ultimate passport to a wealthy and sophisticated world—"Ah, American Express—that's different"—I have news for you. That boring old green card is about to be upstaged by Sterling Gold Card, a joint venture between Lloyds Bank and, guess who—American Express.

Before you think of applying for your gold card, you had better have a look at your pay slip. If you rely solely on earned income to finance your lifestyle, then, unofficially, I can tell you that you will need to be in the £20,000-plus bracket to pass the vetting committees.

The limit on the cards is effectively £6,000—which is where Lloyds come in. The bank is offering an unsecured overdraft of up to £6,000 to clear the debt at the very reasonable interest rate of 2½ per cent over base, now 14 per cent. (As a private customer you could normally expect to be charged 3-4 per cent over base.)

Once you have reached that £6,000 limit on your gold card, that is it. You will have to start slumming it with the plain old green one. Or use the domestic credit cards, Access or Barclaycard, which both will allow credit limits well in excess of £6,000 for the right person.

Sterling Gold beats the *American Express card* on two other points. The free travel accident insurance is doubled to £70,000 and the amount of cash plus travellers' cheques facility at Amex offices is doubled to £1,000. The membership charge too is double at £40.

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Motor insurance

The right type of cover when driving abroad

With the cross-Channel ferry operators once again competing strongly for business, taking the car on the Continent may well prove to be a relatively cheap holiday—especially if you are free to travel outside the "peak" periods.

The insurance position if you take your car to the Continent is still illogical—and rather more expensive than is strictly necessary.

If you decide to take your car to the Continent there is no legal necessity to make any special insurance arrangements—provided you are not one of the estimated one in 13 motorists who do not have valid United Kingdom motor insurance.

As a matter of course, your United Kingdom policy—whether fully comprehensive or only third party—will give you the cover required by law when you are in any other EEC country or one of a number of other countries which have joined the same scheme.

I am not, however, listing the countries involved because, while you would be within the law, it is most unwise to have such limited cover.

The best plan, therefore, is to notify your insurers in good time of the period of your holiday and the countries which you expect to be visiting. You will have to pay an additional premium in return for which your policy will be extended—so that you will have the same cover on the Continent as in the United Kingdom. Your insurers will issue a "green card"—a kind of international certificate of insurance, which should be signed before setting off, by anyone who may drive the car. Also, as part of the deal, your insurers will cover your car for a normal crossing of the Channel or North Sea.

One of the difficulties about green cards is that you are very much in the hands of your insurers and have to pay up however much they require. If your insurance is due for renewal before you will be taking the car to the Continent, you could "shop around", not only for a low annual premium but also for a low additional premium to take the car with you on holiday.

Normally, it would not be economical to arrange continental insurance separately from your main insurance just for the period of your policy. This year, however, thousands of travel agents are selling a rather unusual policy which has been put together by a firm of insurance brokers acting for the Association of British Travel Agents.

One of the reasons why it is unusual is because there are three different sections, with a different insurer for each. First, the Automobile Association provides its well-known 5-Star Service—which consists of the "extra" types of cover for the car which can be important. There is unlimited cover for the AA to arrange recovery of the car to the United Kingdom if it breaks down or is damaged and cannot be repaired economically on the Continent, or if it is stolen and is not recovered before the end of your holiday.

If necessary, under this section, the AA will locate and send spare parts for the car—although you still have to meet the cost of the parts and any import dues.

If you are camping, you will be able to claim up to £50 for each person for emergency hotel and food expenses, if your tent becomes unserviceable as a result of accidental damage, or if it is stolen. There are plenty of other useful forms of cover which can save expenditure if you should run into trouble.

There is also a section of the policy, underwritten by the Constitution Insurance Company of Canada, which covers medical expenses up to £50,000 for each person, baggage up to £600 per person, loss of money and the like. Also included is cover in the event of cancellation or curtailment—if, otherwise, you would lose deposits. This section is fairly conventional.

The really unusual feature of the travel agents' policy is that the Norwich Union is providing straight motor insurance, with a green card, on a comprehensive basis. This insurance is part of the package and, if you buy the package, you get this cover (and pay for it) whether you like it or not.

Of course, if you take this cover, it means that in the event of an accident on the Continent, the no-claim discount for your annual motor policy will not be affected. Also if in the United Kingdom, you have only third party cover, this package gives you the benefit of comprehensive cover.

There are, however, certain "strings" attached. There is a £25 excess, except for windscreen claims—which probably is reasonable enough. Under a United Kingdom car policy, normally there is unlimited third party cover both for personal injury and damage to property. Under this package, however, the third party property limit is £500,000.

The Norwich Union is only accepting those who are over the age of 24, although it is saying that younger drivers in the party may take their turn at the wheel—with the excess going up to £100 if they should be involved in an accident.

While this package offers some convenience, it does represent an element of "double insurance" and it does not look as though there will be a massive swing away from the traditional pattern of paying an additional premium to one's own insurer and obtaining a green card.

John Drummond

Round-up

Diamonds still a rich man's gamble

Diamonds, according to Mr Michael Freedman, are back in fashion as a hedge against paper investments. The opinion of this 37-year-old New York diamond merchant and head of the Gemstone Trading Corporation (profits last year equal to £782,000) might be regarded as slightly biased.

A former record salesman who has been investing in diamonds for seven years, he has just produced *The Diamond Book* described as a practical guide for successful investing. The cost is a fraction of the price you will need to introduce diamonds into your portfolio and comes at a time when interest in this kind of gem is increasing.

American stockbrokers Thomson & McKinnon are completing subscription for a $13m unit trust based on diamonds and in London former stockbrokers Rowe Rudd have almost completed a smaller but similar trust.

The trusts are likely to run for specific periods, are aimed solely at capital gain and will be liquidated at the end of say four years. For the more adventurous, buying diamonds is possible in the United Kingdom—they are kept offshore to avoid value added tax—but Mr Freedman warns that you must be worth at least £25,000 without your house and be prepared to tie up the money for at least three years. He adds that diamonds should not represent more than a fifth of total investments.

● On Monday, Scottish Amicable, traditionally a conventional life office, steps into the unit linked market with the launch of a single premium bond. Money invested in the Capital Investment Bond, minimum £1,000, can be linked to any of the six internal bond funds—equity, cash, property, international, fixed interest and a managed fund—and the usual switching and withdrawal facilities are available.

The new bond includes the latest in flexibility on the market. It is written as a series of cluster policies—all of which can be treated separately, when it comes to cashing them in—and you can "top up" your investment—minimum £1,000—at any time.

Bond charges include a 5 per cent initial fee, although for initial investments under £2,000 there is an extra 2 per cent levy on the amount by which your investment falls short of this figure. The annual charge is 0.75 per cent.

● If you are among the one million members of the Provincial Building Society and are facing redundancy, then drop into your local building society for advice. Last week the Provincial announced a series of measures to help the unemployed or those who will soon join the ranks.

Borrowers will be advised whether to pay off the mortgage with existing savings or redundancy payment or not. Other solutions to lessen the burden of the monthly mortgage payment include suspending payment altogether for up to a year, extending the term of the mortgage or switching to an "option mortgage" scheme.

Investor's week

Secondary stocks set the pace in the market

It might not turn into a buying stampede, but the institutional herd has been looking distinctly jumpy this week.

The evidence may be scant indeed but there is a growing feeling that the recession has bottomed at last. The question of how long it will stay there remains to be answered. But nervous fund manager are already searching the listings for that elusive "recovery" bargain.

Add in all the talk of Government U-turns—market professionals say that that is the only manoeuvre possible in a cul-de-sac—and it is not hard to see why the *FT* index has managed five days of consecutive gains, in the first week of a three-week account, the last but one before the Budget.

In climbing from 480.3 at the beginning of the week to close at 493.2, the index has been edging rather than charging forward, with the biggest one-day gain proving a modest 6.6 points on Tuesday after money supply figures which matched expectations. The fact that the increase in central government spending over 10 months has outstripped forecasts for the full-year is neither here nor there if the market believes that the Government is losing the will to keep turning the screw.

But the *FT* index hardly tells the whole story. The real action has been taking place in the secondary stocks where renewed interest last week has been consolidated this week.

There has been some decisive purchasing in the engineering stocks and building sectors enlivened by the abortive "lunch-time raid" on Thursday for nearly 15 per cent of engineers F. Pratt. Yesterday British Aerospace was dramatically oversubscribed.

More significantly perhaps, ICI has managed to struggle back up to the £3 level despite the fears of a dividend cut when it reports towards the end of the month, while even Fisons has proved that downward re-ratings do not last for ever.

Just as significantly, brewery stocks hardly turned a hair at news of Allied's decision to shut its Ansells brewery and growing fears that beers, along with tobacco, will bear the brunt of Budget penalties.

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
		Rises		
101p	49p	F. Pratt	39p to 101p	Market raid
465p	290p	London Sumatra	25p to 355p	Takeover bid
485p	328p	Barclays	25p to 408p	Figures due
408p	284p	ICI	4p to 300p	Recovery hopes
		Falls		
255p	160p	Manchester Ship	36p to 160p	Bad results
78p	49p	Assoc. Fisheries	8p to 55p	EEC policy talks
£47½	£21½	Hartebeest	£2¼ to £24⅜	Bullion price
121p	73p	Lonrho	8p to 99p	Ex-dividend
430p	247p	Tricentrol	10p to 312p	Oil forecasts

Breweries lost their recession-proof tag with *sagging profits* last year, but there are hopes among analysts that a consumer spending revival could turn the tide towards the second half of the year.

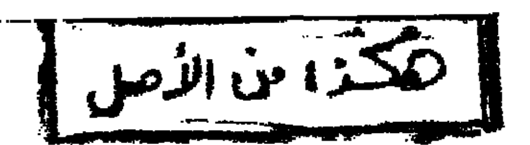
Starved once again of a minimum lending rate cut and bludgeoned by last Wednesday's £1,000m tap stock, which made its debut at a discount on Thursday, the gilt-edged sector wilted somewhat to close the week with marginal losses. Hopes are *now put back firmly to Budget* day for a drop in interest rates, but although gilts may spend some time in limbo as a result of indigestion caused by government funding requirements, no one is betting on them going lower.

Back in equities, old incom[e] stock favourite, Imperial Grou[p] let no one down on Thursd[ay] by maintaining its dividend b[ut] found no new friends with pr[o]fits down over £15m to £127[m] while Dowty confounded som[e] bears by pushing profits ahe[ad] on the back of aerospace as [it] wrestled with mining problem[s].

This Government has mini[...] problems of its own of cour[se] and trouble at the pits is pr[o]bably going to prevent entu[]siasm bubbling over in th[e] account. But against this [Mr] Pym's hint earlier in the we[ek] that the Government may gi[ve] help to battered manufacture[rs] could yet prove to represe[nt] the turning point for investme[nt] in much of the industrial sect[or].

Meanwhile, banks which ha[ve] so far been carrying the burd[en] *of ailing company clients* wi[th] hardly a murmur only to [be] crushed by talk of a windf[all] profits tax, have been perk[ing] up sharply ahead of figure[s].

Richard Alle[n]



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FINANCIAL NEWS

The takeover battle between Flied Lice and Great Rockall



Then the good people of Sticklepath had all recovered from their 'flu, they pondered the wreckage of their investment strategies on the takeover struggle between Flied Lice Shipping and So-on and the Great Rockall and Hongkong Investment Trust.

The pro-Rockall faction had an agreement for rejection of the bid by the Allied Elderberry Wines Staff Superannuation Fund, but naked opportunism on the part of Kevin Luddite had ensured its acceptance by the Great Grimpen Mire Investment Club.

Since each holding amounted to a mere 4,000 shares out of an issued capital of 20 million, it might deem to the uninitiated that there was not a great deal to make a fuss about. But that analysis does not take into account one unquantifiable factor—the seething rivalries and conflicts which turn the community into a four-dimensional chessboard when faced with any issue requiring a decision.

Thus Rosemary Quiche, the vicar's wife, was not shopping at Ada Blott's post office and stores any more, and Silas Champwhistle having impaled Tom Spender's tie to the bar of the Grog-Bevington Arms with a dart had his car mysteriously filled with horse manure that very night.

Meanwhile, outside in the big, wide world, the takeover battle continued apace, one item featuring the 10 per cent holding in Great Rockall belonging to the Scottish Imperturbable Assurance, of which Brian Thrift, a member of the Investment club committee, was the manager. You might think 10 per cent is rather a large holding, but Lord Trite is a backgammon chum of Sir Harry Half-Sraggers, the rumbling baronet and chairman of Scottish Imp, which explains matters.

The company had issued a very large policy indeed on Lord Trite's mortal frame, and so to avoid shattering its underwriting figures by giving him a stroke, had agreed to support his efforts to repel the alien suitor. In the latter capacity, Sir Too Non U, adopting the upside-down lotus position at a press conference announced that Flied Lice had now acquired 20 per cent of Great Rockall's equity. He added that when the bid had finally succeeded, he would personally stake out its entire board of directors over a clump of rapidly growing bamboo shoots.

So things were beginning to look like the Year of the Wet Hen for the hapless Trite as, apart from Scottish Imperturbable's lone stand, support from his institutional shareholders was negligible.

The 5 per cent in directors' hands was safe, of course, while private investors were totally confused as always by the mountain of documentation and counter-documentation that thundered through their letter-boxes regularly every other morning. They ran round in circles, moaning, whenever their professional advisers found it impossible to unravel the logical processes of Sir Too Non U, couched on rice paper in the floweriest and most impenetrable language.

Certainly those Sticklepathians who were not irrevocably committed to one side or the other found the intellectual going pretty rough, and although the investment club's decision could not be overturned, the colonel and Lady Baskerville, hoping for a miracle, were therefore able to ensure that actual acceptance was delayed until the very last minute. And behold, their prayers were answered by the intervention of an angel, heavily disguised as none other than Sir Harry Half-Sraggers.

Sir Harry had lost a £250,000 wager with Lord Trite by having failed to keep a pet tarantula down his trousers for two minutes, and then surprised nobody by muttering that he was a bit short of the ready at present, so Trite, the wily one, swopped this mess of pottage for an irrevocable commitment by Scottish Imperturbable to counter the Flied Lice bid with an offer of 350p a share, Great Rockall being worth 360p on an asset basis.

The plan was then to break up the trust, absorbing the underlying shares into the insurance company's portfolio, while retaining, as an operating subsidiary chaired by Lord Trite, the mining company which had bought the mineral rights in half of the Great Grimpen Mire.

All the shareholders accepted on principle with happy cries, and the thing seemed open and shut. But everyone had underestimated the tenacity and fiendish cunning of Sir Too Non U.

Francis Kinsman

Pension contributions

I am a member of the Post Office Superannuation Scheme which has contracted out of the state scheme. Would I be entitled to the facility which permits an individual member to increase his own part of the contribution to 15 per cent or would this be available only to those remaining within the state scheme? (JOJ, London W1).

The facility to pay additional voluntary contributions is not affected by contracting out: the limits imposed by the Inland Revenue on retirement benefits do not take any account of benefits provided under the state scheme.

As far as the Post Office Superannuation Scheme is concerned, there is a facility to pay additional contributions, but apart from the 15 per cent limit on total annual contributions there is also a (complicated) limitation on overall benefits which has to be observed by every approved scheme to meet the requirements of the Inland Revenue. Your staff unit will be able to give you details of the facility as it applies to your particular case.

Readers' Forum

This specialist readers' service has been compiled with the help of Ronald Irving, John Drummond and Tony Foreman

When government stock is purchased, the interest for the period between the date of purchase and the last payment of interest is deducted from the amount invested. The purchaser gets this back when the next six monthly payment of interest comes in. Is he liable to pay income tax on this portion of the interest which refers to the period before the date of purchase? This seems to be merely a return of part of the capital invested.

What you say is in a way quite logical but the Court of Appeal recently held otherwise. It is, by the way, only in the case of short gilts (that is, those government stocks due to be redeemed within five years) that accrued interest is added to the price quoted by stockbrokers. This accrued interest effectively forms part of the price of the stock and the full amount of the next interest payment remains taxable income of the purchaser.

It may seem illogical and even unfair, but on the other hand a sale "cum-div" by you in the future may convert accrued interest into non-taxable capital gain. Do not forget, however, that a sale of a government stock within 12 months of acquisition may be subject to capital gains tax if your chargeable gains for the year exceed £3,000.

In a recent article on covenants for charities you stated that one of the changes brought about by the Finance Act, 1980, to take effect from April 6 this year, was that a donor to a charity was entitled to a rebate on his covenant based on the top rate of tax that he/she paid.

Does the donor, to effect this, increase his covenant or cancel the original covenant and substitute a new four-year covenant in lieu? (DLT, Surrey).

The Finance Act, 1980 altered the position in two ways. The term of a qualifying covenant was reduced from seven years to four years and this change took effect from April 6, 1980. The donor obtains relief at basic rate from such payments because he only has to pay over to the charity the net amount after deduction of 30 per cent basic rate tax. This tax can then be recovered by the charity, normally at no cost to the donor.

It was also provided in the Finance Act that payments of up to £3,000 per annum would rank for higher rate tax relief but this change does not take effect until April 6 this year. The relief may be due on payments under existing covenants.

The charity concerned does not benefit because the donor obtains relief at more than basic rate. This relief is enjoyed by the donor. So for a person paying tax at 75 per cent, a *net payment to a charity of* £100 (gross £142) will in future only have a real cost of £36 (taking into account the relief from the higher rates of tax).

Another way of looking at matters is that such a donor could increase his covenant to approximately £280 from 1981-82 and the reduction in his net spendable income would not be greater than the reduction he found acceptable when no higher rate tax relief was available. The figures work out like this:

Net payment	280
Tax at basic rate	120
Gross payment	400
Relief at higher rates	180
	220
Relief from basic rate (deducted at source)	120
Net cost to 75% taxpayer	£100

The donor should bear in mind that the relief from higher rates will only be due as and when his income is assessed, and higher rate tax will often only be payable on December 1 following the end of the tax year. The extent to which donors can increase covenants at no additional cost depends upon the rate of higher rate tax to which they are subject. A net payment of £100 in 1980/81 can be increased from 1981/82 at no further cost as follows:

	40% tax-payer	50% tax-payer	60% tax-payer
Net payment	115	140	175
Tax at basic rate	49	60	75
Gross Payment	164	200	250
Relief at higher rates	16	40	75
	148	160	175
Relief from basic rate	49	60	75
Net cost	£99	£100	£100

Maintenance payments

In the feature on divorce "Way through the tax minefield" which appeared two weeks ago we said that small maintenance payments of less than £21 a week to an ex-wife, or £12 a week to a child, should be paid gross and the man will receive a tax adjustment on the payments. Unfortunately these figures were incorrect. They should be £33 and £18 a week respectively.

Stock markets

Equities edge forward, but gilts slip

The first week of the three-week account ended on a firm note yesterday, with leading equities edging forward after a hesitant start.

Activity was probably overshadowed by applications for shares in British Aerospace, said to be five times oversubscribed. Dealers described market conditions as false and are looking to next week to see some of the tension ease.

One factor likely to dampen present strength is the possibility of a miners' dispute.

The FT Index after being 0.7 down at 10 am, recovered during the day to rise 3.2 to 493.2.

Gilts were not encouraged by reports that inflation had been held at 13 per cent or news of settlement with the seamen. Longs were £⅛ easier in the morning with no buyers around, and although they recovered during the day they closed down £⅛. Shorts, also down £⅛ depressed by press comment on the new taps, saw some buying but closed a shade lower.

There was some surprises in the blue chips with ICI adding 6p to 300p on hopes that the dividend would be held. Pilkington jumped 8p to 288p, BAT put on 2p to 283p and Distillers added 3p at 161p. Trafalgar House say a 3p rise to 89p but Imperial eased 1p to 80p after Thursday's figures. BOC, with results next week, put on 1p to 120p, Fisons rose 5p to 128p and Dunlop was up 1p at 66p. Glaxo rose 2p to 270p and Beecham 3p to 186p. Electricals were the sector of the day with rises seen in both leaders and second liners boosted by prospects for new equipment from British Telecom. The view was also being taken that money that does not find its way to BAe may move into leading electricals. GEC added 6p to 651p helped by a large Canadian order, while Plessey saw a 4p rise to 304p.

But it was the second liners that took off. Muirhead, still on bid rumours, jumped 10p to 110p, Diploma 11p to 170p, Unitech 15p to 259p and Electrocomponents 15p to 673p. Jobbers reported good turnover from speculative buyers, particularly in Diploma, but an acute shortage of stock, which started the rapid price movements.

Second liners in the engineering sector led the way up with recovery stocks finishing the day well ahead. F Pratt rose 11p to 101p after Thursday's purchases by Capel-Cure, Myers. Staveley rose 8p to 263p, Flight Refuelling was up 6p to 256p and United Scientific put on 10p to 353p. ICL added 1p to 42p. Matthew Hall leapt 20p to 356p on a £50m gas terminal contract and Dowty improved a further 2p to 217p on the good profits. Central Manufacturing & Trading slipped 3p to 52p after Hanson Trust sold its stake. Jobbers described conditions as thin because of the sudden demand. Metal Box rose 6p to 192p and GKN was up 2p at 152p.

Results from Elbief helped shares to add 1p to 14½p but Hirst and Mallinson, also reporting, dropped 1p to 16p. Harrisons and Crosfield were £⅛ lower at £7¾ with its bid for London Sumatra, which rose a further 13p to 355p. UDT gained ½p to 57p after news that Lloyds & Scottish would not be bidding. L & S added 4p to 158p. Reardon Smith, still on bid speculation, saw an 18p rise to 155p.

Profit taking saw 5p taken from Peters Stores at 121p. The stores sector was generally mixed with M&S unchanged at 124p, GUS up 1p at 491p and British Home Stores down 1p at 158p.

Progress was steady in the building sector with Ready Mixed Concrete gaining 8p to 183p. Taylor Woodrow advanced 10p to 493p and SGB put on 8p to 158p. Textiles continued the gains made on Thursday with another 3p added to Fothergill Harvey at 125p and 2p to 84p at Textured Jersey.

Dealers reported a dull day in the banking sector with some light profit taking which eliminated the previous day's gains. Barclays dropped 3p to 408p, National Westminster was lower by 5p at 376p, Lloyds gave up 5p to 336p despite hopes of good results next week and Midland dropped 2p to 338p.

Encouraging reports supported insurance brokers and Stewart Wrightson put on 7p to 15p. Composite insurers saw falls on the day with Commercial Union down by 2p to 150p and General Accident also 2p down to 296p. Royal yielded 1p to 360p and GRE gave up 4p to 314p. Again, there was light profit taking in the sector.

Properties attracted selective demand with light gains across most shares. MEPC put on 1p to 243p, Land Secs advanced 2p to 406p and Stock Conversion put on 2p to 350p. Westminster and County Properties, reporting interim results on Monday, rose 6p to 66p.

Oils rallied modestly in the morning before closing mainly unchanged. BP fell 2p to 408p, Shell remained steady at 418p, Ultramar dropped 2p to 483p and Burmah added a 1p to 184p.

The gold price, which fell to $489 during the day but recovered to close at $493.5, a rise of $7, continued to mystify dealers. Expectations are either for a drop to around $450 or a steady level of $550 but the price continues to fluctuate dramatically. Dealers reported a quiet day, although they believe there is a good basis for trade. Cons Gold dropped to 418p at one point but recovered to finish unchanged at 423p. RTZ added 3p to 388p, but Lonrho, after the recent activity, slipped another 1p to 99p.

Equity turnover for February 12 was £129.086 (bargains 15,128). Active stocks, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Dowty, Plessey, BAT, Lasmo, Boots, Royal Dutch Petroleum, GEC, Metal Box and Shell.

Traditional options: Dealers reported a total of 793 contracts. Imperial attracted 120, ICI took 51, GEC attracted 88 and Land Secs some 47. Others were Comm Union with 27, Cons Gold with 20 and BP with 13.

Traditional options: Dealers reported moderate activity with calls made in Chubb, GKN, Fisons, Dunlop, Courtaulds, Turner and Newall, Land Secs, Premier, Provincial Finance and Burmah. Puts were arranged in ICI and Trafalgar House.

Market makers have now ringed Thursday, February 26 —traditionally the weekday when MLR changes and the day ICI produces what are expected to be appalling figures. One theory is that the Government could well take some of the heat out of the reaction to ICI's possible dividend cut by lowering MLR instead of waiting for the Budget.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Drayton Premier (I)	—(—)	5.4(4.5)	—(—)	7.2(—)	3/4	10.2(8.8)
Elbief (I)	1.32(1.27)	0.10(0.12)	—(—)	0.38(0.38)	14/4	—(—)
Pentland Inv (F)	—(—)	0.5(0.51)	6.43(6.34)	4.8(—)	9/4	6.3(6.28)
St Andrews Tst (F)	—(—)	0.80*(0.83*)	6.8(7.03)	3.8(—)	13/4	6.3(5.6)
Wagon Finance (F)	16.4(13.8)	1.27(2.05)	2.43(4.05)	1.68(1.68)	3/4	2.13(2.13)
Watshams (I)	1.57(1.29)	0.34(0.31)	8.0(7.2)	3.75(3.75)	31/3	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. * = net revenue.

F. Pratt up as raider keeps buying

By Rosemary Unsworth

Shares in F. Pratt Engineering, the object of an unsuccessful raid in the stock market on Thursday afternoon, bounded up 12p to 102p as the unknown raider continued buying through stockbroker Capel Cure Myers.

It was believed that the purchaser had obtained around 13 per cent of Pratt's equity yesterday afternoon with the intention of carrying on until the 14.9 per cent level, permissable under the new Stock Exchange dawn raid rules, was reached.

Pratt's financial advisers, Morgan Grenfell, said that discussions with several purchasers were continuing over the sale of the group's optical equipment manufacturer, Hamblin & Wingate. Mr Guy Dawson of Morgan Grenfell added that he believed that none of the prospective purchasers was the raider. "If, as it appears likely, someone has bought more than 5 per cent, they have five days to notify the group, so we will have to wait a little longer to find out who it is."

Mr Dawson added that he could not comment upon rumours that Mr John Bentley, chairman of Bardsey, was behind the raid. Mr Bentley was unavailable yesterday afternoon.

Pratt's shares stood at just 50p a few weeks ago, before it produced its results last month, showing that profits were just under £1m. In addition the group's net assets a share were 202p in the 1979 accounts, and the latest figures will help to boost them above this level.

At present the board holds around 6 per cent of the equity

RETAIL PRICES

The following are the index numbers (January 15, 1974 = 100) for retail prices, not seasonally adjusted, issued by the Department of Employment yesterday.

	(1) All items	(2) All items except seasonal foods	(3) Annual rate of increases in (2) over 6 months earlier %
1980			
Jan	245.3	246 2	14.6
Feb	248.8	249.8	15.8
March	252.2	253.2	16.5
April	260.6	262.0	22.2
May	263.2	264.7	22.8
June	265.7	267.1	22.4
July	267.9	269.3	19.6
Aug	268.5	270 5	17.3
Sept	270.2	272.3	15.6
Oct	271.9	274.1	9.4
Nov	274.1	276.3	8.6
Dec	275.6	277.5	8.0
1981			
Jan	277.3	279.3	7.6

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index numbers for industrial production in December, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1975 = 100).

	Total all industries	Total manufacturing industries
1977	105.9	103.0
1978	109.8	103.9
1979	112.6	104.2
1980	105.0	95.0
1979		
Dec	112.4	104.4
1980		
Jan	111 6	102.3
Feb	109 6	100.1
March	108 7	97.9
April	105.7	97.7
May	106 5	96.5
June	106 6	96.3
July	104.8	95.2
Aug	102.3	93.0
Sept	101.0	91.5
Oct	100.8	90.6
Nov	100.8	90.0
Dec	100.2	88.9
% change in latest 3 months on previous 3 months	−2.1	−3.7

Briefly

Pentland Investment Trust: Gross revenue for 1980 £1.96m (1,942m). Net revenue £1.15m (£1.1m) after tax. Dividend, 9p (8.9p) gross. E.P.S. 6.43p (6.34p including special dividends). N.A.V. 194.4p (150.4p).

Drayton Premier Investment Trust: Dividend 14.5p gross (12.57p). Revenue £3.3m (£2.78m) after tax. Retained £340,000 (£217,000). N.A.V. per share 292¼p (227¾p).

Pennine Commercial Holdings. Details of proposed acquisitions, already announced, have been issued in a circular from Mr Geoffrey Tankard, chairman. He *says that prospects remain good*. Current trading is satisfactory, reflecting benefit of recent acquisitions. Their full benefit will not be fully reflected until the year to Jan 31.

Associated British Engineering: Edinburgh Investment Trust has purchased 3000,000 shares making holding 700,000 shares (6.276 per cent).

F. C. Finance: Recommended offer by Coop-Bank accepted in respect of 1m shares (76.89 per cent) of the shares for which the offer was made. C. B. owned 5.69m preference shares at time of offer, it has not acquired any further shares since that time. Offer extended until February 27.

Godfrey Davis Co has resolved to pay (in lieu of a final div) a second interim div of 1.5p. Board of Godfrey Davis Holdings (which will be one of the new holding companies following the reorganization) has indicated that it would expect to recommend total dividends for the year to March 31 of not less than 3.5p.

Muirhead: Sir Raymond Brown, director, has acquired 10,000 shares at 106p and 5,000 at 100p.

Scotcros: Subsidiary J. Deans & Co has acquired Independent Bulk Wine Shippers, which is operated from premises situated in the City of London for £150,000.

Drayton Far Eastern Trust: Pretax revenue for 1980, £468,000 (£319,000). Total gross dividend, 1.76p (1.6p).

London Sumatra bid to cost H & C £28.4m

By Michael Prest

Shareholders in London Sumatra, the plantation company for which Harrisons & Crosfield announced a bid four days ago, are to be offered 463 H & C shares for each 1,000 London Sumatra, or 720p cash for each H & S share they accept.

The share offer values each London Sumatra share at about 359p, assuming last night's closing price of 775p for H & C. The cash offer values the 62 per cent of London Sumatra not controlled by H & C at around £28.4m, or 333p a share.

But H & C warned yesterday that it expected group pretax profits for 1980 to be down on 1979's £58.4m, although not less than £50m. Earnings per share will be around 46p, compared with 58.2p, and the final dividend should be 20.5p net, making 28p net for the whole year, the same as in 1979.

About 20 per cent of London Sumatra is held by RIT, S. A. Sipef, a Belgian company with plantation interests, and McLeod Russel, another plantation company. It was these interests which approached H & C with an offer of sale, and they have accepted the cash offer.

But Mr John McLeod, a director of London Sumatra, said yesterday that a decision on whether to recommend the offer to other shareholders would probably wait until the full documents had been sent out next Thursday. The London Sumatra board is understood to be examining the company's asset value.

Mr Andrew Tuckey, speaking for Barings, the merchant bank which represents H & C, said that the share offer was determined by the price at which the other shareholders were prepared to sell to H & C. A cash price of 333p for London Sumatra shares set the ratio of H & C shares to London Sumatra shares at the H & C price of about two weeks ago.

It is understood that the H & C shares which the minority shareholders in London Sumatra do not want have already been *placed with underwriters. The* H & C offer will not be increased. Acceptance by the three shareholders will bring H & C's stake in London Sumatra to 67 per cent.

H & C also announced yesterday that it is negotiating with an American group to buy part of its chemical business.

Plaxton's expects fall

The board of Plaxton's (Scarborough) expects a severe reduction in profits this year. If the bottom of the recession has been reached, the board looks for an improvement.

Meanwhile the group is financially strong. Stocks of materials have been reduced in line with requirements.

Watsham's ahead as board seeks acquisitions

On the back of a rise in turnover from £1.29m to £1.57m, Watsham's has nudged its pretax profits ahead from £314,000 to £343,000 in the six months to September 30. The interim dividend is held at 5.36p gross. Earnings a share were 8p against 7.2p.

Mr W. G. Haydon-Baillie, chairman, says that the group has held cash on hand to await a complete analysis of future markets and a wide spectrum of investment opportunities within them. The board is negotiating a number of opportunities for acquisition. These would deploy its cash resources and bring in new strengths and growth areas for the group.

Elbief maintains payout as profits drop

Elbief is holding its interim dividend at 0.54p gross for the six months to October 31, after a dip in pretax profits from £121,000 to £103,000. Turnover rose from £1.27m to £1.32m.

Since the end of the half year the group has maintained its position in both home and export markets, but it would be unwise to attempt to forecast results for the second half.

Crest for unlisted market quotation

Crest International Securities says that the acquisitions of Tom Farmer and Partners and the subscription by Mr Stenson for 1m shares have been approved by shareholders.

The Stock Exchange has granted permission for the whole of the issued share capital of Crest, as enlarged by the acquisitions, *subscription and the placing* by Henry Cooke, Lumsden and Co of 14m ordinary shares to be traded in the unlisted securities market.

Completion of the acquisitions has taken place, and Mr James Brown has been appointed to the board of Crest. Dealings in Crest shares in the unlisted market are expected to start on Monday.

A I Industrial agrees sale

A. I. Industrial Products Company has made a conditional agreement for the sale of its Mason and Burns foundry division at Walsall to a new company, (Mason) which one completion will belong 50.1 per cent to Mr Anthony Mason who is a director of A. I. Metal Products, a wholly-owned subsidiary of A. I. Another 25.1 per cent will go to his brother Mr Ian mason who is also employed in the business and 24.8 per cent to Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation.

The proposed aggregate receipts from the sale would be £550,000 in cash, payable upon completion, and up to an additional £550,000 in cash payable in the years 1982 to 1986 dependent upon the sales and profits of Mason in these years.

Interest charges hit Wagon Finance

By Catherine Gunn

Higher interest costs and declining consumer spending last year took a heavy toll of hire purchase finance houses, particularly in the final quarter.

Sheffield-based Wagon Finance, whose chairman is Mr Stephen de Bartolome, saw its annual profit before tax slide 38.2 per cent, to £1.27m in 1980, in spite of higher turnover. The cause was a £2.32m rise in interest charges, to £7.97m by the year-end of December 31. The dividend is unchanged, at 3.3p gross.

With the average hire purchase contract now running for 15 months, the group has had to take on new contracts at much higher underwritten rates, while watching group margins decline as old contracts underwritten at lower rates expired. Meanwhile, consumer spending fell, reducing the number of new hire purchase agreements.

When interest rates fall, profit margins on business entered into at present fixed rates will rise as the falling cost of money attracts new business; but for the moment the hire purchase market is very competitive. Mr Joseph Chopping, Wagon's managing director, said yesterday that some finance houses are writing hire purchase agreements which already assume a substantial drop in interest rates before they become profitable.

Local bid against Granada at Whitley Bay

By Catherine Gunn

At Whitley Bay in the North-east a bid battle is unfolding. Local business couple Mr and Mrs Claude Cooper have upset the apple cart at Whitley Bay Entertainments, which announced an agreed bid from Granada on January 28.

Mr and Mrs Cooper have stepped in with a higher, £1.38m, bid for the business yesterday evening, a week before the Granada bid closes.

The Coopers have "extensive private interests" in the entertainment and leisure industry in the North-east of England and Southern Scotland and own 0.8 per cent of the company's equity. They are offering 280p cash for every Whitley Bay share and 50p cash for the preference, against Granada's 215p cash offer for the equity or a share swop worth 240p at Granada's current share price and 50p for the preference stock.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	14%
Barclays	14%
BCCI	14%
Consolidated Crdts	14%
C. Hoare & Co	*14%
Lloyds Bank	14%
Midland Bank	14%
Nat Westminster	14%
Rossminster	14%
TSB	14%
Williams and Glyn's	14%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 11½%, up to £50,000 12%, over £50,000 12½%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1980 '81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
75	39	Airsprung Group	63	—	6.7	10.6	5.7
44	21	Armitage & Rhodes	43	+2	1.4	3.3	17.7
192	92½	Bardon Hill	190	—	9.7	5.1	7.1
98	88	Deborah Services	95	—	5.5	5.8	4.7
126	88	Frank Horsell	106	−3	6.4	6.0	3.3
110	51	Frederick Parker	51	−1	11.0	21.6	2.3
110	74	George Blair	74	—	3.1	4.2	—
110	59	Jackson Group	106	—	6.9	6.5	4.0
124	103	James Burrough	120	—	7.9	6.6	9.8
334	244	Robert Jenkins	330	—	31.3	9.5	—
53	50	Scruttons "A"	53	—	5.3	10.0	3.8
224	215	Torday Limited	216	—	15.1	7.0	3.7
23	10	Twinlock Ord	11¾	−¼	—	—	—
90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	72	+2	15.0	20.8	—
56	35	Unilock Holdings	39	—	3.0	7.7	6.0
103	81	Walter Alexander	101	—	5.7	5.6	5.6
263	181	W. S. Yeates	263	—	12.1	4.6	4.3

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER was steady. — Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £774.00-75.00 a metric ton: three months, £797-97.50. Sales, 13,550. Cash cathodes, £774-77.00: three months, £785-86.00. Sales, 200 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £773-773.50: three months, £796-796.50. Settlement, £773.50. Sales, 10,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £776.50-777: three months, £785-786.00. Settlement, £777.00. Sales, 225 tons.

TIN.—Standard tin closed steadier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £5,930-35 a tonne: three months, £6,075-80. Sales, 470 tonnes. High grade, cash, £5,930-35: three months, £6,075-80. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning.—Standard, cash, £5,895-5,905: three months, £6,050-6,055. Settlement, £5,905. Sales, 220 tonnes. High grade, cash, £5,895-5,905: three months, £6,050-6,055. Settlement, £5,905. Sales, nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works fell by 21 cents to 30.57 ringgit per kilo.

LEAD was barely steady at the close.—Afternoon. — Cash, £294.50-95.00 per tonne; three months, £304.60-6.00. Sales, 1,850 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £298-298.50: three months, £308.50-309. Settlement, £298.50. Sales, 4,750 tonnes.

ZINC was steady, quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £312-13.00 per tonne: three months, £324-24.50. Sales, 2,275 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £311-313.00: three months, £325-325.50. Settlement, £312.00. Sales, 4,800 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £205.70 ($470.00) a troy ounce.

SILVER closed steadier.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 561.40p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 1268.50): three months, 568.00p (1322.00c): six months, 583.60p (1375.90c): one year, 622.60p (1489.30c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 554-56.0p: three months, 571-73.0p. Sales, 31 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 551.5-553.5p: three months, 569-570p. Settlement, 555.50. Sales, 22 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £630-32.00 per tonne: three months, £644-45.00. Sales, 2,100 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £629-630.50: three months, £643-644. Settlement, £630.50. Sales, 2,925 tonnes.

NICKEL was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £2738-45 per tonne: three months, £2722-24. Sales, 210 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £2745-2750: three months, £2720-2725. Settlement, £2730. Sales, 54 tonnes.

RUBBER closed slightly steadier (pence per kilo): March, 57.40-57.60: April, 58.50-58.70: April/June, 59.60-59.80: July/Sept, 62.90-63.00: Oct/Dec, 65.90-66.00: Jan/March, 68.90-69.00: April/June, 71.90-72.10: July/Sept, 74.90-75.00: Oct/Dec, 77.90-78.00. Sales: 61 at five tonnes and 271 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quietly steady.—Spot: 56.50-58.00. Cifs: Mch 61.50-62.00: Apl 63.00-63.50.

COFFEE.-ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): Mch 1000-1001: May 1018-1019: Jly 1028-1029: Sep 1040-1043: Nov 1038-1042: Jan 1040-1070: Mch 1035-1075. Sales: 2,055 lots, including 7 options. **ARABICA** (officials at 16.45): Feb 140.00-148.00: Apl 142.00-148.00: Jne 142.00-146.00: Aug 140.00-150.00: Oct 140.00-150.00: Dec 140.00-150.00: Feb 140.00-150.00.

COCOA was quietly steady (£ per metric ton).—Mch 854-36: May 869-70: Jly 896-97: Sep 919-20: Dec 948-49: Mch 970-73: May 988-90. Sales: 1,495 lots including two options.

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was £13.00 lower at £268; the "whites" price was £12.00 lower at £293. Futures were steady (£ per tonne): Mch 271.50-72.00: May 278.30-78.75: Aug 274.00-74.25: Oct 268.50-69.00: Jan 247.00-48.00: Mch 249.50-50.05: May 248.00-50.00. Sales: 10,537 lots. ISA prices (Feb 12): daily, 25.39c: 15-day average, 25.50c.

SOYABEAN MEAL closed steadier (£ per tonne).—Feb, unquoted: April, 124.00-124.20: June, 127.10-127.50: Aug, 128.50-130.00: Oct, 129.50-130.50: Dec, 129.00-132.00: Feb, 129.00-135.50. Sales: 135 lots.

WOOL.—NZ Crossbreds, No 2 contract, cents per kilo (quiet).—March, 348-352: May, 351-355: Aug, 361-364: Oct, 370-374: Dec, 375-379: Jan, 376-380: March, 380-384: May, 383-386: Aug, 385-388. Sales: 19 lots.

GRAIN. (The Baltic). — **WHEAT.** — Canadian western red spring, unquoted. US dark northern spring, No 1, 14 per cent: March £112.25 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter, 13½ per cent: March, £104.50: April, £105.25 trans-shipment east coast. EEC, unquoted. English feed, fob: All sellers: Feb, £110: March, £112: April, £114: April-June, £115.75.

MAIZE. — US-French: Feb, £125.00 resellers trans-shipment east coast. S African white, unquoted. S African yellow: March-April, £86.00.

BARLEY.—English feed, fob: All sellers: Feb, £99.75: March, £101.50: April, £103: April-June, £104. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was irregular.—March, £95.35: May, £98.70: Sept, £95.90: Nov, £97.50: Jan, £101.40. Sales: 165 lots. WHEAT was irregular.—March, £107.10: May, £111.05: July, £114.95: Sept, £98.85: Nov, £102.50: Jan, £106.40. Sales: 263 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Eastern	—	£104.60	£94.50
E Midlands	—	£104.50	£94.40
N East	—	£104.40	£94.00
Scotland	—	—	£93.70

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Feb 13: GB: Cattle, 83.61p per kg lw (+0.14). UK: Sheep, 165.46p per kg est dcw (+1.55). GB: Pigs, 70.72p per kg lw (+1.26). England and Wales: Cattle Nos up 12.5 per cent, ave price 83.47p (−0.10). Sheep Nos down 17.2 per cent, ave price, 165.67p (+0.96). Pig Nos down 5.3 per cent, ave price, 70.72p (+1.26). Scotland: Cattle Nos up 26.7 per cent, ave price, 84.33p (+1.40). Sheep Nos up 69.0 per cent, ave price, 162.52p (+5.51).

POTATOES (Gafta).—April, £59.00: Nov, £56.50: Feb, £63.80. Sales: 114 lots (of 40 tonnes each).

Ivory Coast 'selling new crop cocoa'

Dealers in London said yesterday that the Ivory Coast had recently begun to sell early delivery 1981-82 new crop cocoa at about 1,100 French francs (about £94.00) per 100 kilos, cif —or possibly a shade lower.

Small tonnage parcels have changed hands for October/December, November/January, they reported (writes Peter Read of Reuters).

Meanwhile, they have noted that a relatively small tonnage of 1980-81 Ivory Coast main-crop cocoa is still available for sale, although current offers are reported to be rather premium priced.

Recently, market analysts reported that the Ivory Coast had probably only 50,000 tonnes of current crop left for sale, taking into account cocoa allotted for local industry.

However, trade indications on the Ivory Coast's 1980-81 crop, including mids, have recently been adjusted upwards, to as high as 380,000 tonnes or possibly more.

They said such predicted increases, which tend to contradict recent USDA forecasts of a 330,000-to-350,000 tonne crop, have been boosted by the reported high tonnage of cocoa smuggled into the Ivory Coast this year from neighbouring Ghana.

Discount market

The potential for the movement of vast sums through the banking system as hundreds of millions of pounds responded to the British Aerospace offer made the big banks cautious in their money market operations. This slowed down business, but caused no particular convulsions. Credit came out adequately, if tardily and the authorities were not required to intervene. Closing balances were taken in the range of 13½-¾ per cent.

Foreign exchange report

The dollar closed at its best level of the day yesterday having made appreciable gains at the expense of all major currencies.

The D-mark was hard hit, despite record intervention by the Bundesbank at the midday "fixing" of 2.1915. Subsequently, further selling pressure developed when New York opened, leaving the German currency at its weakest of the session, with a 3½ pfennig fall at 2.2195, compared with 2.1815 overnight.

Sterling, despite confirmation that United Kingdom inflation was continuing to slow down rapidly, could not maintain a reasonably steady position held during the morning. At the close, the pound was at its lowest level since May 20 last year, retreating 305 points at $2.2855 compared with $2.3160 overnight.

Dealers said another surge ahead in Eurodeposit rates—which stemmed from the conviction that higher United States interest rates were in the offing—was the main impetus behind the dollar's fresh advance.

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) February 13	Market rates (close) February 13	1 month	3 months
New York	$2.2825-3055	$2.2845-2860	0.65-0.75c disc	2.80-2.90c disc
Montreal	$2.7420-7660	$2.7430-7445	0.75-0.85c disc	2.80-2.95c disc
Amsterdam	5.46-51fl	5.48½-49½fl	2⅛-1⅛c prem	4½-3½c prem
Brussels	80.85-81.45f	81.30-40f	15-5c prem	12-2c prem
Copenhagen	15.46-53k	15.49-51k	10ore prem-155ore d	405-595ore disc
Dublin	1.3485-3595p	1.3575-85p	par-15p disc	25-45p disc
Frankfurt	5.04-08m	5.06¾-07¼m	2⅛-1⅛pf prem	3½-2½pf prem
Lisbon	130.40-131.60e	130.55-85e	76c prem-42c disc	72c prem-165c disc
Madrid	199.50-200.90p	199.60-70p	12-64c disc	220-300c disc
Milan	2382-92lr	2383-85lr	5¾-7¾lr disc	29½-32½lr disc
Oslo	12.56-62k	12.56½-58½k	220-60ore prem	120ore prem-50ore d
Paris	11.61½-68½f	11.66-67f	3¾-2¾c prem	7¾-6¾c prem
Stockholm	10.63-72k	10.63½-65½k	285-370ore disc	1275-1375ore disc
Tokyo	470-78y	474-75y	220-180y prem	530-470y prem
Vienna	35.65-85sch	35.65-70sch	14-12gro prem	34-28gro prem
Zurich	4.60-63f	4.60¾-61¾f	3-2c prem	6¾-5¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975 was 102.8% down 0.5%

Other Markets

Australia	1.9755-1.9905
Bahrein	0.8645-0.8675
Finland	9.4255-9.4655
Greece	117.00-119.00
Hongkong	12.2410-12.2810
Iran	not available
Kuwait	0.6265-0.6285
Malaysia	5.1980-5.2280
Mexico	53.20-54.70
New Zealand	2.4235-2.4435
Saudi Arabia	7.6655-7.6955
Singapore	4.7935-4.8235
South Africa	1.7720-1.7870

Indices

	Bank of England Index	Morgan Guaranty Changes %
Sterling	103.8	−23.2
US dollar	101.0	−3.2
Canadian dollar	85.1	−18.3
Schilling	112.5	+21.5
Belgian franc	107.2	+9.0
Danish kroner	88.8	−9.9
Deutsche mark	116.7	+36.0
Swiss franc	131.0	+71.7
Guilder	111.7	+15.7
French franc	86.1	−9.7
Lira	61.1	−53.6
Yen	148.5	+43.7

Based on trade weighted changes from Washington agreement December, 1971. (Bank of England Index 100).

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.6905-1.6925
† Canada	1.2014-1.2017
Netherlands	2.4000-2.4050
Belgium	35.55-35.65
Denmark	6.7250-6.7350
West Germany	2.2185-2.2205
Portugal	56.95-57.10
Spain	87.30-87.40
Italy	104.60-105.10
Norway	5.4830-5.4930
France	5.1125-5.1175
Sweden	4.6410-4.6510
Japan	207.35-207.55
Austria	15.53-15.55
Switzerland	2.0175-2.0225

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US$.8321-.8324

EMS Currency Rates

	ECU central rates	currency against ECU	% change from central rate†	% change adjusted†*	divergence limit % plus/minus
Belgian franc	39.7897	41.7704	+4.98	+0.68	1.53
Danish krone	7.7236	7.98075	+3.33	−0.97	1.64
German D-mark	2.48208	2.60400	+4.91	+0.61	1.125
French franc	5.84700	6.00156	+2.65	−1.65	1.3557
Dutch guilder	2.74362	2.82597	+3.00	−1.30	1.512
Irish punt	0.668201	0.697758	+4.42	+0.12	1.665
Italian lira	1157.79	1230.77	+6.30	+2.00	4.08

† changes are for the ECU therefore positive change denotes weak currency.
* adjusted for sterling's weight in the ECU, and for the lira's wider divergence limits.
Adjustment calculated by The Times.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 16¾-17¼; seven days, 17½-17⅞; one month, 17$^{13}/_{16}$-18$^{1}/_{16}$; three months, 18⅛-18⅜; six months, 18⅛-18⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $492½ (an ounce); pm, $491½ close, $493½.
Krugerrand (per coin): $507-510 (£221¾-223¾).
Sovereigns (new): $124-126 (£54¼-55¼)

Money Market Rates

Bank of England MLR 14%
(Last changed 24/11/80)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 14%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 12¾ Low 12¾
Week Fixed: 13⅞-13¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12¾	2 months	12½
3 months	12$^{9}/_{16}$	3 months	12$^{7}/_{16}$

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	13-12$^{29}/_{32}$	3 months	13¼
3 months	12$^{7}/_{16}$-12$^{11}/_{32}$	4 months	12⅞
4 months	12¾-12⅝	6 months	12½
6 months	11$^{13}/_{16}$-11$^{11}/_{16}$		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	15½-15¼	7 months	13¾-12⅞
2 months	14⅞-14⅜	8 months	13¼-12⅞
3 months	13⅞-13⅝	9 months	13¼-12⅞
4 months	13½-13¼	10 months	13¼-12⅞
5 months	13¼-13	11 months	13¼-12⅞
6 months	13⅛-12⅞	12 months	13⅛-12⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	14⅛-14	6 months	12⅞-12¾
3 months	13$^{5}/_{16}$-13$^{1}/_{16}$	12 months	12⅝-12½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	14	3 months	13¼
7 days	14⅛	6 months	12¾
1 month	14⅛-14	1 year	12⅝-12½

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 14¼-14 Close 13

1 week	14⅛-13⅞	6 months	12$^{13}/_{16}$-12$^{11}/_{16}$
1 month	14$^{3}/_{16}$-14$^{1}/_{16}$	9 months	12¾-12⅝
3 months	13¼-13⅛	12 months	12$^{11}/_{16}$-12$^{9}/_{16}$

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 13¾ 6 months 13¼
Finance House Base Rate 15%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£480m	allotted	£100m
Bids at	£96.92½	received	21%
Last week	£96.89	received	23%
Average rate	12.2933%	Last week	12.4188%
Next week	£100m	replace	£200m

Wall Street

New York, Feb 13.—Stocks closed lower in light trading as the New York Stock Exchange index slipped 0.25 to 72.80 and the average price per share lost 12 cents.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.03 to 931.57 and was down 20.73 for the week. Declines led advances 933 to 518 as turnover slowed to 33,360,000 shares from 34,700,000 yesterday.

Because of the continued strength of inflation, interest rates are not likely to show any substantial fall in the near future, and may in fact go higher, analysts said.

This view was reinforced by Mr Henry Kaufman, partner in Salomon Brothers, who predicted that the prime rate could exceed the record 21½ per cent set late last year. He also forecast high inflation and a very slow recovery from last year's recession. Investors also are awaiting President Reagan's economic programme due to be unveiled February 18.

Some computer issues were weak. Volume leader Digital Equipment lost 1⅞ to 81⅞, while active IBM eased ¼ to 61⅜. Control Data declined ½ to 60⅞, Honeywell ½ to 100½ and Teledyne ½ to 188½.

However, computervision rose 2½ to 65¾, and Datapoint added ⅛ to 44⅝. Datapoint said it agreed to purchase TRW's International sales and distribution network for $107m.

Active Computer Sciences gained 1¼ to 17½. It said a court dismissed all charges in a Federal indictment against the company and six individuals.



Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot 2.2780 (2.3055); three months, 2.9065 (2.3335); Canadian dollar 1.2028 (1.1986).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 432.66 (420.82). The futures index was 437.48 (437.98).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 931.57 (936.60); transportation 389.37 (391.79); utilities 108.11 (109.28); 65 stocks, 361.01 (363.37). New York Stock Exchange index: composite, 72.80 (73.05); industrials 84.86 (85.10); transportation, 72.02 (72.42); utilities, 37.52 (37.50); financial, 67.83 (68.36).

US commodities

GOLD. The spot price closed at $495-$496.50 an ounce, barely moving from Thursday's $495-$497. CHICAGO IMM. April, $579.40 asked: June, $592.60 bid: July, $599.20 asked: Sept, $613.80 bid: Oct, $619.10 bid: Dec, $632.50 bid: Jan, $639.10 asked: March, $652.50 asked: April, $669.10 asked: July, $679.10 asked. NY COMEX. Feb, $492.00: March, $495.60: April, $500.00-503.00: June, $512.00-516.00: Aug, $525.00: Oct, $542.00: Dec, $532.00-534.00: Feb, $564.00: April, $579.70: June, $592.90: Aug, $606.10: Oct, $619.40: Dec, $632.70.

SILVER futures eked out small gains of 11 to 12 cents. Volume was light at 3,800 lots, with prices fluctuating in a narrow, 40-cent area. Feb, 1268.50c: March, 1270.00c-1280.00c: April, 1295.00c: May, 1310.00c-1322.00c: July, 1350.50c: Sept, 1390.00c: Dec, 1442.50c: Jan, 1461.00c: March, 1490.00c-1496.00c: May, 1534.00c: July, 1570.50: Sept, 1607.00c: Dec, 1651.00c.

COPPER futures reversed morning gains to close slightly lower with March off 0.35 cent at 80.05 cents. Remaining months were 0.30 to 0.05 cent easier. Feb, 79.55c: March, 80.00-80.30c: April, 81.45c: May, 82.80-83.00c: July, 85.60-85.70c: Sept, 88.00-88.50c: Dec, 91.35c: Jan, 92.40c: March, 94.50c: May, 96.30c: July, 98.10c: Sept, 99.90c: Dec, 102.60c.

COTTON futures were: March, 86.75-87.00c: May, 88.10-88.20c: July, 88.00-88.10c: Oct, 84.70c: Dec, 81.35-81.45c: March, 82.75c: May, 83.20 bid-83.25c asked: July, 83.75 bid-84.25c asked.

SUGAR futures closed at or near the lows, with losses of 0.58 to 0.37-cent. March, 25.80-25.85c: May, 26.20-26.30c: July, 26.45c: Sept, 25.90c: Oct, 25.75-25.80c: Jan, 23.80 bid-24.20c asked: March, 23.90-24.00c: May, 23.75 bid-23.95c asked: July, 23.60 bid-23.90c asked.

COFFEE futures closed up 3.36c to 1.34c while untraded May finished up the 4c limit. March, 123.25c: May, 126.50-127.00c: July, 129.00-129.25c: Sept, 131.25-132.00c: Dec, 131.30c: March, 128.00 bid-128.73c asked: May, 129.00c.

COCOA futures finished a quiet session narrowly mixed. Spot March added $3 while remaining contracts ended $5 to $3 lower. March, $1,855-1,825: May, $1,930-1,903: July, $1,995-1,981: Sept, $2,050-2,055: Dec, $2,131-2,120.

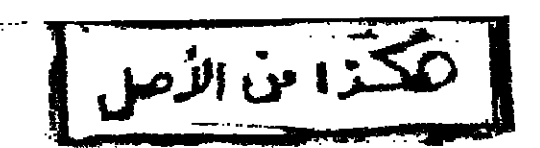
CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Futures closed 7½ to 11 cents a bushel higher, near the top of a 22 cent range. Oil settled 0.08c to 0.58c a lb higher while Meal closed up $2 to $1.50 a ton. SOYABEANS.—March, 754-732c: May, 780-759c: July, 804¾-782c: Aug, 810-790½c; Sept, 815-794c: Nov, 838-809c: Jan, 844½-831c: March, 865-852c. SOYABEAN OIL.—March, 23.60-23.60c: May, 24.45-24.40c: July, 25.35-25.25c: Aug, 25.50 bid, 25.55c asked: Sept, 25.80c: Oct, 26.10 bid, 26.20c asked: Dec, 26.75c: Jan, 26.95c: March, 27.10 bid-27.20c asked. SOYABEAN MEAL.—March, $214.80-215.50: May, $224.50-224.20: July, $231.60: Aug, $234.00-234.50: Sept, $237.00-237.50: Oct, $237.50-238.50: Dec, $241.50: Jan, $242.80-243.20.

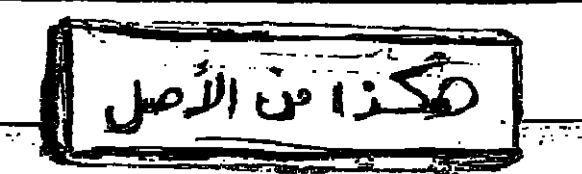
CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat futures ended near the top of a nine cent range, up 2¾ to 4½ cents a bushel in revived trade. Corn futures finished at or near the top of a 4½c range, up 3 to 4½ cents a bushel. CORN: March, 364¼-359c: May, 374¾-371½c: July, 383¼-376c: Sep, 380½-374c: Dec, 382-374½c: March, 391-385½c. OATS: March, 236-232½c: May, 236½-233c: July, 233¾-230c: Sept, 234½-220c: Dec, 232-228c.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1980/81 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd. Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
62.1	47.1	American Grwth	55.1	59.2e	2.49
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		Charities Charities Narrower-Range Fund. 15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-638 4121			
122.1	106.2	Income (34)	..	118.0	11.86
204.0	161.6	Do Accum (34)	..	202.3	11.86
		Charities Official Investment Fund.			
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		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex. 01-623 1288			
77.1	55.5	Balanced	68.6	73.7e	4.75
105.9	81.2	Do Accum	103.9	111.7	4.75
83.0	59.2	Worldwide	78.8	84.7	2.27
109.1	76.9	Do Accum	104.4	112.2	2.27
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		Schroder Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 48 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4EF. 01-240 3434			
46.5	50.0	American	46.5	50.0	2.00
46.5	30.0	Do Accum	46.5	50.0	2.00
169.2	122.3	Capital (2)	158.4	170.3	2.28
217.1	153.5	Do Accum	203.4	206.7	2.28
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95.0	100.0	Money Pen	95.0	100.0	..
96.0	100.0	High Yld Pen	96.0	101.2	..
120.6	84.7	AMEV/Fram Am	113.4	119.5	..
111.0	95.9	Do Income	111.0	117.0	..
134.0	96.7	Do Int	128.7	135.6	..
118.8	100.5	Do Cap	117.1	123.4	..
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		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq. London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
243.4	228.1	Prop Modules	214.8	226.1	..
285.5	269.4	Do Growth (31)	258.0	269.4	..
134.0	126.2	Do Series 2	119.9	126.2	..
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		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
36.10	28.90	Equity	£ 35.24	36.33	..
24.00	20.30	Fixed Int	£ 23.84	24.15	..
42.43	35.80	Property	£ 42.43	42.74	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
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		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
198.1	167.4	Managed Fund	192.0	202.2	..
338.8	259.4	Do Equity	323.9	341.0	..
194.3	173.3	Do Fixed Int	187.4	197.3	..
205.6	187.2	Do Property	205.6	216.5	..
147.2	139.1	Do Cash	147.2	155.0	..
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Stock Exchange Prices

Electricals in favour

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Feb 9. Dealings End, Feb 27. § Contango Day, March 2. Settlement Day, March 9

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1980/81 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS							
98	89	Treas	9½% 1981	98	+1/32	9.790	13.240
98	91	Exch	8½% 1981	98	..	8.981	13.413
98	91	Exch	9½% 1981	98	..	9.699	12.882
95	85½	Exch	3% 1981	95	● ..	3.137	12.189
100	93	Exch	12¾% 1981	100	-1/16	12.784	12.814
96	88	Treas	8½% 1980-82	96	..	8.797	12.529
94	81	Treas	3% 1982	94	..	3.166	8.822
102	90½	Treas	14% 1982	101	●-1/16	13.776	12.365
94	85	Treas	8¼% 1982	94	+1/16	8.707	12.523
95	85	Exch	9¼% 1982	95	●+1/16	9.732	12.768
93	84	Exch	8¾% 1983	93	+1/16	9.334	12.589
88	76½	Exch	3% 1983	88	●+1/8	3.045	9.637
98	85	Treas	12% 1983	98	●-1/16	12.214	13.004
93½	84	Treas	9½% 1983	92	-1/16	9.960	12.780
102	94	Exch	13½% 1983	100	-1/16	13.375	13.065
93	84	Exch	10% 1983	92	-1/16	10.767	13.091
85	76	Fund	5½% 1982-84	85	-1/8	6.424	11.433
97	86	Exch	11¼% 1984	95	●-1/8	11.788	13.138
104	94½	Exch	14% 1984	102	-1/16	13.692	13.117
78	68	Exch	3% 1984	78	+1/16	3.806	10.714
99	88	Treas	12% 1984	96	-1/8	12.419	13.190
108	97	Treas	15% 1985	106	●-1/16	14.117	12.953
73	68	Treas	3% 1985	73½	-1/8	4.081	10.951
MEDIUMS							
103	89½	Exch	12¼% 1985	97	-1/16	12.612	13.082
97	93½	Exch	11¾% 1986	94½	● ..	12.369	13.220
89	76	Treas	8½% 1984-86	86½	..	9.939	12.224
105	90	Exch	13¼% 1987	100	..	13.289	13.330
81½	70	Fund	6½% 1985-87	77	-1/8	8.341	11.585
97	91	Treas	12% 1987	96½	..	12.903	13.616
83	71	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	78½	..	9.992	12.691
64	54	Trans	3% 1978-88	64½	..	4.708	10.096
89	82	Treas	11½% 1989	89	● ..	12.899	13.785
68	57	Treas	5% 1986-89	65	..	7.778	12.659
104	89	Treas	13% 1990	97	..	13.479	13.703
82	69½	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	78	..	10.777	12.590
96	81	Treas	11¾% 1991	89	..	13.385	14.076
68	57½	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	65	..	9.038	12.066
92	77	Exch	11% 1991	87	..	13.169	14.011
102	86	Treas	12¾% 1992	94	..	13.678	13.981

SHIPPING

1980/81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
346	178	Brit & Comm	294	+1	17.9	6.1	7.3
205	116½	Fisher J.	153	-3	2.9	1.9	12.5
41	31	Jacobs J. I.	37	+1½	3.1	8.5	..
137	85½	Ocean Trans	135	+1	12.7	9.4	16.1
137	105	P & O 'Dfd'	124½	+3½	10.0	8.0	7.7

MINES

1980/81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
16½	8½	Anglo Am Coal	£13½	..	53.5	4.0	..
892	485	Anglo Am Corp	596	+7	48.0	8.1	..
59	30	Ang Am Gold	£37	-1/16	501	13.3	..
50	38	Anglo Am Inv	£41	+1/16	161	3.9	..
22	13	Anglo Transvl	£17	..	144	8.5	..
22	13	Do 'A'	£17	..	144	8.5	..
25	13½	Asarco	£16	-1/8	60.0	3.7	..
73	43	Beralt Tin	69	..	7.1	10.3	..
12½	4	Blyvoors	£6	+1/32	196	25.7	..
277	119	Bracken Mines	148	+2	47.4	32.0	..
29	11	Buffelsfontein	£16	+1/16	419	25.5	..
283	137	Charter Cons	225	+2	12.9	5.3	..
682	411	Cons Gold Fields	433	..	33.1b	7.6	..
553	337	De Beers 'Dfd'	361	+3	43.2	12.0	..
13	4	Doornfontein	£6	-1/32	133	19.1	..
22	6	Durban Rood	£17	+1/16	261	32.9	..

TEA

1980/81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
248	198	Assam Frontier	198	..	14.3	7.2	..
485	350	Camellia Inv	425	..	5.7	1.3	..
378	279	McLeod Russel	295	-5	21.4	7.3	..
332	263	Moran	270	..	11.4	4.2	..
158	108	Surmah Valley	108	..	3.2	3.0	..
219	132	Warren Plant	216	-2	14.3b	6.6	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1980/81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
48	25	Calcutta Elec	29	● ..	6.8	23.3	..
34½	28½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£32	● ..	500	15.6	..
27	19	Gt Nthn Telc	£22	..	153	7.0	8.1
353	197	Imp Cont Gas	225	..	10.1	4.5	10.6
185	93	Milford Docks	115	-3	9.8	8.5	..
140	88	Nesco Inv	140	..	10.0	7.1	..
34½	28½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£34½	..	538	15.6	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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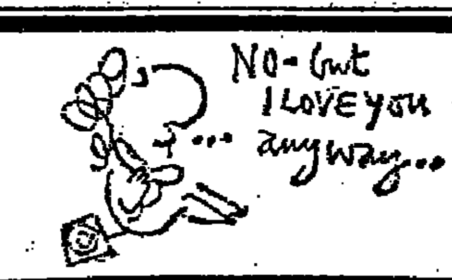
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Is that you ... dear?

Valentine's Day Messages



THINGY all my love on this day and the next 17.—Muckworthy.

PATTI.—I would like to send you an adapted Schulz story but instead I send my love. Write soon Love Stephen. XXXX.

LITTLE ARAB. I love you so be my Valentine forever more. All my love, J.

TO THE BIRRELL, the nicest creature to ever fall into my web. All my love, Scuttely.

MARGHERITA.—Il mio mondo Margherita profuma la luce Margherita il sole la mattina Margherita è l'amore Margherita.

WENDY.—I love you more than words can say. Forever yours. Jonathan.

DEAREST POGGLE.—We love you so much. From your huge Honey Bear and Albert . . Purr . . Purr

TIM.— North Devon is beautiful. Lots of love and kisses from Tim Teddy and Me!

KATRINA, Sack your chauffeur. and take off with me to the land of committed excitement. S P.O.E.

PAULINE MY DARLING. Thank you for your constant love. Stay by me. Ever yours. Brian.

B.B.—You are a Brillo Pad. To me you are divine. Rub me up the proper way then will I begin to shine.

SARAH.—Sheltering from Scotland's April showers will be much fun this year, I love you. K.C.

PHEW WHAT A CORKER! Loving greetings to the spiffing Lady Christine from Lord Bingo, Co-founder.

ABORWIN. All our shared past tells me we shall grow closer still. my darling Sowma.

SUSAN HUGHES. I wish you would be my Valentine. I love you very much.

MARY OF CLIFTON AVENUE: If passion blooms in West Hartlepool must it be real ? Your best Piglet R.

LIEBLING MAUS. I still miss you terribly. Meet me in the Irish Pub on Sunday. March 16th at nine o'clock. Your Disgusting Soldier.

TWEEZLE—no you—no sunshine. no rainbows . . . but still it rains in my heart.

DEAR LUCY. I'm still in love with you. I send you my love across land and sea. Richard.

BROWN-EYED GIRL be mine forever. Your Kamikaze Kabocist.

TO KATE (Buster): Wishing you happiness from a heart filled with love for you Nicolas.

MRS. MISTLETOE. I love you. Thank you for transforming my life. Special feelings. Mistoifeles.

TO BLUE'S BEST FRIEND. of whom there's only one. I say to thee that I doth ye love !

ROBIN. I may be surrounded by car eating mice, elephant's feet, etc. but I think I love you ! Batman.

TO MISS PIGGY of Ruthven. My Valentine for today at least. From your Neanderthal Medic.

AUDREY fairest daughter of the Graces how like a winter has my absence been from thee what freezings have I felt Ken.

JANNIPOPS—Snuggle up. snuggle up, snuggloo, cuddle up, cuddle up, cuddloo. Davipops.

TRES, a love affair of ten years has not quelled by ardour. I love you. be my Valentine again. Tate.

KATHY . . . my English princess of love that knows not a dividing sea. 'tis heaven just to love thee Michael G.

Ms GRITT. I miss you. stay mine somewhere. Dan.

TO MY DARLING LYN whose beauty has enslaved me for over two years now. Although I know that you will never be my Valentine I will be yours with all my love until the end of time. From your Mr Stone.

MY JACKIPOO. you're my smoked salmon, love now. and forever. Always thinking of you, here's to June 13th !

CAYENNE. Paris nights summer daisies, whatever next ? I love you to excess.

WATERLOO BRIDGE will never be the same again. It's going to be all right for ever. C.

FLORENCE has flopped. Sooty is stolen, the Dodo lies doggo. So. Tusker sends Woospers to Gozzle.

PRISCILLA my love is invincible not despard nor meal tub could destroy it. HBDAY Tony.

LYNNE.—I couldn't afford a full page to tell you how much I love you I hope this will suffice. Love, Your Tutor.

I'M DUTY YOU'RE ON NIGHTS. Pop-Pop's silent Theo quiet. come to Fox for breakfast—OK?!

SWEET LASS OF YORK with Irish brogue please note dear H from P que je t'adore thirty more and on to eternity.

ROSES ARE RED, violets are blue; Lianne's in New York, we wish we were too. P & M.

BIGGER than the one on the bar. many more than the one on the ceiling. even Robert and Jean could not cut one of the size of mine for you. Ex Bistrotheque Chouchou.

BUNDO-SAN.—Let's celebrate our 1st Valentine together! Let everyone know we love very much! Yuri.

ME TARZAN YOU JANE, but when will we get together again. Thousands of miles in the blue. won't keep me away from you.

DI.—Thank you.—Mike.

GAIL.—So long as men can breath or eyes can see so long lives love and I give mine to thee. Ever Richard.

DOWN NINE. Up fifteen then its third. Add a Greek. Clinkers to suit gives a foot ex Mauritian.

DEAR SL.—' Happy days ' beat this! 2 up in 1 month. You must be slipping. I love you SK.

TO KITTEN, who likes hugs and knows what tiger eats. let's have a thanksgiving every day. all my love. S.T.

S LINE MINIMUM A 28 word line to say I love you sugar and will you be my Valentine (to Rache from your true lover).

MY SUE.—" And now. my love. let us go forth. on another beautiful 13 years—with love—Dave Burningham ".

ANNE.—You get more beautiful every day. Thank you for being a very special lady.

R.—From Holly to Lee to Jeri to Margaret (GF) to Beech; you stay—amazing lady—love T.

TO LITTLE STINKER'S PLAYMATE xxxxx with love xxxxxx from Little Stinker's Mummy.

EXPANDIA APTHORPIA. Another year. Thank you. You are always with me. Hugs. Expandus Amorus.

GERALDINE.—Gone quite far now. aint we? Lets stay on the same road. OK? Luv ya. Humphrey.

CHICKEN-LICKEN'S only excess is Duncan's love so walk forever together on the moon.

DARLING TRISHIPIGLET.—All my scrumptious love for ever from your special F.B.

MISS WIGGY.—Wilt thou wed me in the spring for I know not but that I love you. Wiggy.

I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR G.B.—With all my love H. Bunch.

MARION of wine and meals and candlewax and other precious things I love you XX Anthony.

ASTRID.—Look forward to seeing you this afternoon at 2.00 pm. Don't be late. Love. A.

TO SUE.—My only true love, my only Valentine, the only girl in my heart—For always Alan.

GIGI.—My sweet lady. only three words express the way I feel. I love you. Graham.

JIM.—Re your ad of 14 3 80: I'm a believer, a fervent one. and not only in belief. Paul.

AIKKU FLAT TAIL.—Gorgeous, gorgeous, gorgeous ratty eclipses the moon. I love you, Bushy.

THIS renews the promise I made 7767 in the crypt of St. Francis near the fortress by the river. Love D.B.

CATHERINE. Tu Flotte. tu hésite: en un mot. tu es femme. et je t'aime. I hope they get it right this time!

FOR JEAN. My pigsney, my sweeting, my dumpling, my darling, my worldwide companion, through life and through love.

DEAREST Theresa. each time we part I long to see you again. I am never happier than when I'm with you. I love you.

ANGELA, MY ANGELA, Somehow we manage to make it so don't we. Happy Valentine's Day Victor

CHANTAL, A thousand years in thy sight are as yesterday. which is past. And as a watch in the night. Peter.

FOR my only John-Joseph your desert fox sings: " That between the rising of the sun and the setting of the moon I truly, madly, love, love love you "

SUE HODGSON, I love you. For me there is no other. I'll fly back some day. To be your superlover.

DENISE my sweet lady across the Thames, no journey is too great. Love, kisses and cuddles.

SHERRIE. B. & B. in Leyland certainly has an attraction! With love P. xxx (don't cry).

V.B. So well I love thee as without thee I love nothing. R.

BOUNCER the Nook (alias A Sparkling Boy) reminds SPP " Send lots of blips to PFF ".

TO D and J Wellington Lakin B. Holiday greetings from over the sea. Peggy and R and EO and J wish you a happy Valentine's Day.

CHIEF WEASEL—the Judge, Ratty and Toad think you are the best Wildwooder in the world.

VASECTOMY has made no difference—we both still fancy you, Lady of St James.

POLAR BEARS love Mexican Ladies.

MOPOLOT. Yes, let's take a chance together. Please tame me. Miss and love you. Fox.

TRICIA.—Soon it will be always togetherness. for our love defies 3.000 miles.—Tim.

DARLING RENATA. Beam me up Scottie ! ! Energise ! ! God. how I miss you, take care. Love Nick.

WENDY, a smile warm as a summer day. beauty radiant as a new rose, my love for eternity.

ALL MY LOVE my darling. your with me all the time, your my Valentine. I love you. Mate.

CAROL.—What would I do without Poochy. Horsey. Kissey and Cuddles ? Grumpo.

YOU ARE the mustard in my 24,000 mile ham sandwich of life—J. J. A.

I WAS in love with your body until you started teaching—now I love your pay cheque P.

HUBLET, you're so nice to come home to. From your little Piranha Fish.

NORMA. I love you whenever we are together. I love you whenever we are apart.—Richard.

COME FORTH my lovely Phoenix, we'll fly today.

16oz and privy council stop sailing and beat Brian.

MY dearest little mano. the future's just begun. Love you lots and lots.—Little Gray.

JANE. All my love to my long-gloved, high-heeled honey in the white fox.—Tarzan.

FLUBS. First 3½ years superb. the next 86½ years will be even better !—Love, Chubs.

TO my boxer. Love you even more than I did when you were a pudding.—Love.. Fatty.

SUE, you are really fantastic, I would do something drastic—I'd go inelastic—over you.

ROSEMARY. my love's sweetest advocate. ti voglio bene.—L.

SPLIG, be mine as I am thine and do remain my Valentine: with kutchiness from Splog.

CHRISSIE, all the love and goo gah from the big bang to the restaurant.—A. and D.

MAREL. Well done ten years on. Much happiness. much love from DJMXORMXBRMXJEM.

CUGGLES simply adores Sybil and wishes to shout his love for her to the whole world.

CATHY.—The viola in my life, with whom I love to make music and drink coffee. I love you. John.

MAYDAY.—If you want uplifting I'll be around. All in all I'm yours for ever, Nombskill.

SUPER SIZZLING MAGGIE.—Happiness is putting my arms around Abgaig's loveliest waist and I love you. Woof.

BEST. OL.—So many ways. All yours. twice yesterday—half tomorrow, for ever. Gol.

POPPY.—You thought I'd forget ? weally ? after all these years ? Twoops . . .

KERRY PARR or Selary Bill. will you meet me tonight by the garden fence, as I have something special for you. Bonnie Charlie of Angilgate.

PIGLETKE.—Nem feleltetem el a mult ev leveret. Meg mindig van nehany megiatogalatian holy apostolokban. szeretettel. Tim.

DINA DEAR.—Please stay mine again and again and again. love Alex.

MOOEY MONSTER.—Happy Valentine monster day and have a nice holiday (have you got friends in the other chalet ?) from the one sitting beside you. and little Jim who is on your lap.

GAYNA.—You are the poppy in my wheatfield your lips as red as the dying African sun your petals as warm as the glow from my fire. I love you.

BB.—Our hearts are trumps so you can play all the cards. DB.

ALL MY LOVE to my. green eyed tiger. Fridge.

DEAREST DARLING DIANA.—Lots of kisses and cuddles vivamus atque amemus ! D.D.D.

MUTLEY LOVES MUTLEY and so do Utley. Benjamino and Finch.

ANGIE, sheep with sore throat. self-possive over Ray : 13, 3, 2, 8: My only . . . Puppy Ears.

MRS JOBS. You deal the most savage blows ! Odds I would love to see more of you. Tonight ?—Dennis.

PEACH.—All my love. Jane. This year. you know whose Valentine you are.—mine.

DAWN—A light inviting every day. I cannot fly without you.—Sundance.

MEGGY WEGGY.—Omnia vincit amor and times winged charriot is parked' Tuffy Owl.

TO JANE from someone who has enjoyed Winne the Pooh as much as you.—Wooze.

LIZ, our marriage will only make my love for you even greater.— From Kipper XXX.

FROM the snows of the outer Arctic to the Arabian sands be my Valentine.—Everest yours with love XXXXXX.

STOCKINGS and a feather boa affect those parts of my body that goals and performance standards can never reach.

HIS clothes are dirty BUT his hands are clean AND you're the best thing that he's ever seen. Lay lady lay. lay across my big brass bed.

OH, Little Bear. whom I adore. Praise God. you clasped me in your claw. And held me fast for ever more.

TED Sandy dib 1. Apollo ruggish L.M. Pie.

S.K.—I love you and that is that. —Bill.

S.—You are the hub. the core. the quintessence. Je t'aime donc je suis. Tu es ma vie.—ILY T.

A FLASH of head. Tossed spice. a silhouette of Redford nose. darling Griffin doing a pose. envelopes Js heart in a trice.

LIVELY EYES. Northumberland. waits to share that which is mine —your love. the special kind. Always yours—Hotspur.

BLUEYES sweet mistress. Help in my distress I want you all mine, belov'd Valentine.

YUM YUM tall and very lanky. He love hen hen oh so fatty. But dictation fast and boring. Sends the two both a snoring.

MANIC, you'll never get me down. Love. Depressed.

JOAN. I can't smile without you. can't laugh or feel glad without you. back home soon. happy Valentine's day. With all my love, from Dave.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME the moose clad waity rooster is forever in love with the dragon.

CHRISSY. I love you my darling, be my Valentine always and forever. Tony.

I WON'T BE travelling for ever. A telephone can't take the place of your smile.

WENDY.—Will it be back to lovely satin cards next year—or shall I place my message in the Sun? My love will endure even if the Thunderer doesn't XXX Graham.

ROBYN. love closes the distance between us and triumphs all. Your bear. G.

MICHAEL (R.A. A.I.B. S.O.B.) so who needs Bristol! I love you —Col. Dearing ?

PETAL you are always my happiness life and love. Hope its mutual forever. Yours Softie.

SUGAR. I love you. Philly.

O DARLING D have always wanted to do this' All my love U2.

TO MY DARLING Alfie. You fill my every day with your love Je T'Adore. I love you—Tiggy.

SALLY . . . words cannot express the feelings in my heart simply I love you.—Gary

RULES OF GRAMMAR learnt by heart tenses cannot represent for all our past and future is in this simple present. I love you Ria.

MISS J.M.—Looking forward to 2 x 25 (+10.) 1 x 25 is not enough (what did Gladstone say in '84?) —Wild Driver.

TO SUE.—Bright eyes Angus the R-Rs and I send all our love and kisses most from me. Doug.

TO JEDGE THE PEDGE.—All my love Snooky Pooky.

TO MY BEASTIE on Valentines Day. All my love The Belly Button Blower.

BUNNY RABBITS by the million loving & mounting making more bunnies for Zooly's coats.

PUDDING TO HIMMBEER schönes poopchen. Enjoy deine danabröt. lovely butter & kabonose.

M.—You may have one tooth less but I still think you are the most irresistable charming and beautiful woman in the world. Your adoring sheriff.

TO SWEDISH MISS PIGGY inextinguishable amorosities from your own male Jolly Piggy.

S—Your beautiful eyes are as a foretaste of heaven. I love you —R.

BRUCE.—I love you and I won't leave it in Sainsburys !—Sheila.

FROM THE CHIEF SWINEHERD to the Angel. I love you dearly. 'Tis on the right wing here's looking at you! Across five five.

VANESSA.—Seagulls or flying ham sandwiches just do not compare to a troll with you. not even your meringues.

ANNE.—Roses are red violents are blue. See Papillon.—Page 22. Alan.

M.—At 45 as at 35 all avenues explored for your pleasure my woodland nymph fofadhope.

F.I.T.N. with startled rabbit 593 calories. B.E.T.A.D.

HONEY BUNCH.—I think you are devastatingly. mammaciously. undiluitedly quite nice.—Jonny.

TO RICHARD.—The best birthday present I ever had. I'll love you always. From Irene.

TO FROG FROM TOAD.—It's a long slog but the right road, yours till I croak.

VOLUPTUOUS VIV. Verbosity void. Assist sandcastle building darling. Now and forever. P.

FLO.—Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams? Barney.

PECLS.—'Course I loves yer. Thank you for the squelch you gave me. Your romantic bear.

SILLY STUBBS and Jumpy Jen, Soppy Sue and Tired Tim and hateful HIM. But laverly you. Mew. The gang of three.

MISTY EYES.—A year ago I only loved you but now my fabulously beautiful sexy wonder woman I adore you.—Geronimo.

TO MARY.—On Valentine's day thirteen kisses as always love you. Bob.

ROMEO.—More, much more. than a computer name to me.—An English Rose.

R J P Cream cakes, coffee bed and bath . . Idars next then Berne and Bad . . . without end

PETER HAMBLY-SMITH.—Angel wants all Chepstow to know she is wild about gingernuts.

CYNTHIA DARLING.—We can't go. on milking the old round simply for our own exquisite pleasure, Churn me forever.

STELIOS.—Sexy man from Crete love with you is so so sweet.

I STILL LOVE YOU despite loss of flabby white legs prayer sec and Tom Conteh are gay.

AND AFTER ALL IS SAID, is said and done. Jenny, please give your love to me. Throw it in the wind and I'll be there, time and time again.

. . . et beaucoup et beaucoup et beaucoup et . . .

LENA.—Because U R the way U R and do the things you do. no one else in all the world can take the place of you.—JR.

VALERIE.—There are not the words—thank you for your love and friendship, Je t'adore. Peter.

LIZ.—Come live with me and be my love and we will all the pleasures prove.—K.

SQUIRREL loves dormouse, and would like to make a nest with her.

IRISH FRANKIE.—Fancy polishing my bronzes on a permanent basis? —S.A.

ANA.—I love you more than yesterday and less than tomorrow. All my love, Roger.

RED ROBBO.—Thing sends slender tree trunk all his love and hopes thing is in the past.

MY DARLING DON.—Even 80 years will not be long enough. Will always love you. Pam.

FIONA-JANE, alias Kiddy. blobs need dreams. You were mine but I woke up to love you.—Jules.

FLOSSIE.—Love breeds love. I love you, you love me—keep breeding.

TO MY DARLING SUE.—Forever yours. from your high flyer Colin. I've collected all the wiskas come soon.

A BILLET-DOUX EN FRANCAIS pot? Rusty French forbids! Enclosed four gems instead. Miss you so. Roll on Easter for, after all, a tour and gala fit enough to compensate. Till Paris Moutons of love. M.

THE NAVY FORCES PAUL AWAY he'd really rather only stay by you my darling Carol to have and hold forever.

MELANIE (foxy lady): fireplace; the ugly one; pretty purdy: ladies I love you all; what's for dinner. —Love Kookels !

BB. A very special kiss, and all my love and much. much more.— From your little Possum.

GINNYKINS. I hope this makes up for Christmas If this does not work I'll try television. Love for ever.—Mr Bojangles.

GILLIAN. I love you.—Martin C.

TO CLAIR A.—Someone very close to me, even though you are 200 miles away. My Hi-Fi still comes second.

DOVE OF ANGELS. You mean more to me and wallop chops than anything else in the world.

WON'T YOU come into the garden ? I would like my rose to see you.

A. I have stars in my head. spots before my eyes and all I can think of is a desert island and you and me. Diagnosis ?—J.

WITH A LOVE akin to orchids, to my precious wiggle top.—From your erstwhile Goglepoc.

GRESLEY AND HAMILTON in a sunny siding today, but lots of lust.—From LR and H.

EBURY seems a Mecca of a lifetime. This it must not be. This year for always darling.

DEAREST TREV, thank you for everything. All my love always. —Nora.

CZEQA; to you I offer your every desire, for Ozymandias. Himself had no such fire.

THUGLETT. How does it feel to have your name in print ? Keep your differential topped up ! Je t'aime.—Ciao.

AMONG THESE MAJESTIC FELLS, standing all alone, you and I. hands clasped in special meaning. Fells stand witness to our love sown deep within—A love of infinite feeling.

TO MY VERY DEAREST MARIETTE, so brave, so beautiful and always loved. Forever hoping, David.

ZEBEDEE SINCLAIR. All my love and for evermore. You can even have my Rolo's and gorilla. Dobbm. or is it Noodle ?

MISS SHISHTI. All my love from the bottom of my heart and best wishes for the future.

TO MY BEAUTIFUL DEE. You are all the forever glory of my life and the peace of every moment. All my love, Graham.

MARGARET.—White fleecy clouds in a blue sky, summer sunshine and warm airs, with you cuddles, my love, and I.—Ken.

COTSWOLD FOXHUNTER is tickled pink by girl in igloo.

ELSIE. Baubles and shaving plus my naughty craving are the least of my love for you.

PUDDING POOH there's only 561 days to go. I love you madly.— Bean.

HOW BROWN NOW our cow. Eleanor ?

TIME TO PINE with all of our hears hints of tints and compatible parts. Not long now, I love you.

LADY HAMILTON remain forever in idyllic H-G-. We will return. Love Cedric.

JULIE. N—Mattsboatchillfollowme-Parissuspendersrowsiustbutforever-love—Missing—you—Nig.

ALI. On Valentine's Day my heart went astray because of you little joyous and gay. Stefano.

DARLING CHRISTOPHER PUMPKIN I send you lots of love, hugs and kisses for Valentine's Day. Do you love me or Voschi Best ? —Sue.

JIMMY JAZZ.—From Looby Lou.

WHISTLE for Roger 2 and lostling could become the habit of a lifetime.—Love Mrs Parker.

TINRIBS ! Happy five and a half months. I love you.—J.

JO.—It's no mere probability : We love you always.—Rupert. Michael, James and Polly.

BITE, BITE, BITE ! Hello gorgeous. I love you even more than this time last year.

DUTCH RIOT CINDERELLA. Miss you so much and crazy about you —Upside down black tie.

PENNY.—Much love from Mike and Sammy.

NODDLEOPPALO. I love you my little Doo. Always remember the 14th. I do.—Tove.

KK. mmxmm mmvmm mmxmm love you lots mmvxmm mmxmm mmvxmm WPR.

WITH LOVE to a dove and a funny bunny. Fancy that—Fussfonsia and Pussy-chatte.

HELLO LITTLE LION, happy Valentine's Day, lots of love from 2½ (and Albert).

PCH. How like a winter hath my absence been from thee. Come make me warm.—Kitten.

TO MY DARLING HEDVA with love on our 25th anniversary. B'ahava tamid.—Arie.

TO JOAN. My beloved receptionist. Bob.

TO DEAREST mother-to-be of tadpole. May our love be as strong this day as ever.—Toad.

KYS.—What that you would mean so much to me. S+B anytime, ring me lly.—RBH.

REMEMBER 116 nights of love.

SUSAN, when will I see you again ? Share precious moments, will I wait forever ?—Spider.

LARA: I shout of a precious inkling. to whisper to your heart. I love you with my soul.

JACKIE S. My only Valentine, love Dave.

DEAR LISBETH, you are my life. All I desire is to kiss, love and cherish you for ever.—Jim.

EAGERLY awaiting your return to my floe. All my love—Penguin.

TO LINDA. Yoga and golf always mix.—Ken.

CHARLOTTE.—O Noctes Cenaeque Deum ! Tecum Vivere Amem. Tecum Obeam Libens.—B.

JOOLS. If it's printed in The Times it must be true. I love you. X —Grumpy.

KEEK KEE. Hygenist in Bond Street who keeps my love free from bacteria. No abstractions. Turn off ? Only Junction 15.— Love from Dr Jeckell.

JEANETTE, love you lots and lots and always will. See you soon.— Honeybunny.—Dennis.

SHAREN. You are gentle. kind. tolerant and beautiful, with all my love.—Michael X X X X X

TO A VALENTINE POOH (or should I say Kanga with Roo en ventre sa Mère ?). From a slimline Wol—let us to the heffalump trap go !

TO BINKY & MOM.—I think that I shall never be at home enuf with my family. In London. Houston, Timbuctoo, never forget I love you two.

ELISABETH.—I have heard of reasons manifold why love must needs be blind. but this the best of all I hold—your eyes are in my mind.—Roger.

ZARA.—Shall I compare you to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Barc.

EVER SINCE Bonne Nuit—a pebble from you to me. Louise. you make me see what the meaning of love can be.

ALLIE. — Incomparable Passion Flower of Western Civ: your archaic Romeo adores you.

DARLING DWEEGS.—Still do whatever you think. Yours always Downunder Fred with Corks.

MRS DOO.— I wuv you. Be my Valentine and I'll keep your toes warm. Love from your Subaquatic Bear.

D.I.S.C.O. She is delightful. irresistible. super-sexy. such a cutey. O OO.

KNOGGIE.—A little book of verse and ' Times ' of love and happiness chime out. one year. Brown Eyes.

MY DARLING THETA PI, you are my complete and constant distraction. I miss you.

PIGNOY, Pipus loves you and he would like you being here to Spendi E. Spandi A Gogo.

BONITA OF BADGERS Mount pray, scamper with me forever.

AUDACIOUS XMAS OFFERS? Anne I yearn for your apple pie and hot chocolate and a lifetime of happiness together. Fungus.

JOHN R.—Let us renew our love on this special day and give each other happiness till the end of our life. My love is yours for ever. UPS.

LIZZARD, love at first sight grows in might by day and by night without respite.—Sam.

A. ' Ich liebe Dich '.—D.

TO B. FROM A. I sealed my love inside a box for you to keep forever.

CHOKY-ROO still throbs for you. Let's swap (chok. horror) probettes sometime.

SUSIE: Mille BI torinese per favore e larrupino copioso piemontese grazie love Steve.

GINADGE Frau von Munchen My special divine beautiful wonderful SDWB lady who I love, cherish and adore. Marry me and no more long monologues. What a funny business.

SEB: Last year you promised me an answer today. I have no meaning without you.—Jane.

LIANE MARIE: I.L.Y. Meet me in Littlewoods and we'll probably hold hands.

DEAR SNOORS. I don't forget everything you see! Romance lives on. I love you, baby!

FEAR WIST not to evade as love wist to pursue . . . Dimly guess what time in mists confounds.

THE CANARY sings forth to the kangaroo with a pointed helmet a bacon sonnet.

CRAZY. You may have more rabbit than Sainsbury's, but I still love you.—Purbag.

MARION.—You made my winter into summer. I love you for always. Sweet Valentine.—Ken.

SAINT HELENA, don't worry about harmony and harties, My love is your real gold mine so come and join. Your heavenly Archangel.

LITTL'UN have faith. 15 weeks time sounds good. count counties not calories.—Martin.

JANE CAROLINE.—Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?— Panther and I love you.

SULA. Where's my dinner V.

PETER DUMMER.—I love you for loving me. You are the best thing in my life.—Christina.

KAREN.—All words don't say how much I love you, they don't say how much I care. but they can say, that with you this life, I want to share.—MCJ.

D. L. LUNE.—Being good will bring you a special bunny in June—Love from D. P. Rabbit.

JULIAN, Poli-Bear and Albert. happy anniversary. you have given three girls the happiest year of their lives and they will never stop loving you.—Kate. Woll and Annabel.

GRIFFLING.—I love [luv n. deep and tender affection. passionate devotion. V.T. to harbour deep affection or passion for, to take delight in.] You.—Vim Bummer. Oof.

TO MY Lady Diane.—My love I can no longer confine for amor vincit omnia or simply oh. the romance.—Love as ever. M.

CLAIRE-LOUISE.—"Till next time around.
" That heart is heavy which is borne o'er distant seas.
Through hyperborean storms and sultry calms.
For it is filled with love for Claire-Louise.
And longs for peace . . . found only in her arms."
—Love D.

LOTS of love for yesterday because you won't see today's 'till tomorrow.—Norman.

TARGET.—Ignore the miles twixt yours and mine. you are still my Valentine.—Thanks.

TO my darling Zoë. thanks for everything. All my love for evermore. I adore you. Mark XV.

JACKIE. I tell you every day. but today, more than ever.—ROD.

ROLAND. And though I were not. though I be not. best. I have loved and love thee more than all the rest. V.B.

STINA. This is teddy bear calling. Don't let the greg bugs bite.

FM DARLING. You really are the superest AMLFE.

5204119. Love you lots and lots— the girl with the brains of a dead otter.

FOR A TAME Clique St. Valentines Day should be. remember old memories of love and anticipated new. ones to come. For Whip Etna. Rash Nosy. Easton Dick. Loo Gnome. Hell Birdseye, and Haggis. Love from the Green Hippos.

MR. BLAKE. When will long-handed Luke ride again ? Love Rosie Glow.

TO JULIET. my lovely lady and beautiful mother to be. All my love for evermore. Paul.

KIKI, ni bu Tsai. wo ahr lonely. See you in April for our birthday ?

PODGE, a tall dark stranger (almost) returning from foreign parts wants to get to know you better—if you will let him.

ANN, last month apart Gulf winds hold are spent forever. You have my heart. Never again will we part.

VIDAML.—What ever happens I will always remember and love you. Some things may change but that will never. I love you and miss you.—TRBS.

DARLING SOO.—I love you very much. send kisses and am still in evening dress on my boat. Airlift is on its way.

CHARLOTTE.—Magré tout. je t'aime plus aujourd'hui que Jamais.—Ox. Michael.

SWEET WILLIAM.—Come frisket. My Tympan and I'll raddle your weft. Love you.—Hogshead.

ELIZABETH.—Darling. our love spans the world. In 37 days we shall unite.—Love from Curie.

MARCO.—Andy. Bruce. Harold and Bobby send you all of their love.

DENIS.—Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be, love.— Nanna.

DELLY DARLING.—How can I itch when you're so slim !—From your Italian Suited Lover.

SLIM, glorious woman.—Summer winds and wild heather wait for us in secret high places.

N . . . deranged, I sought you in escape and found you in release. Viva Tenerife! . . A.

J.R.S.—A Valentine, but special. Public, yet subtle. message quite trite, quite right. I love you. —S.K.

EILEEN.—Not close at hand still we know where we stand. Therefore, you and me. maybe.

SHARTIE.—Move into my box. Can't wait until May. I need you now.—Love, Allsorts.

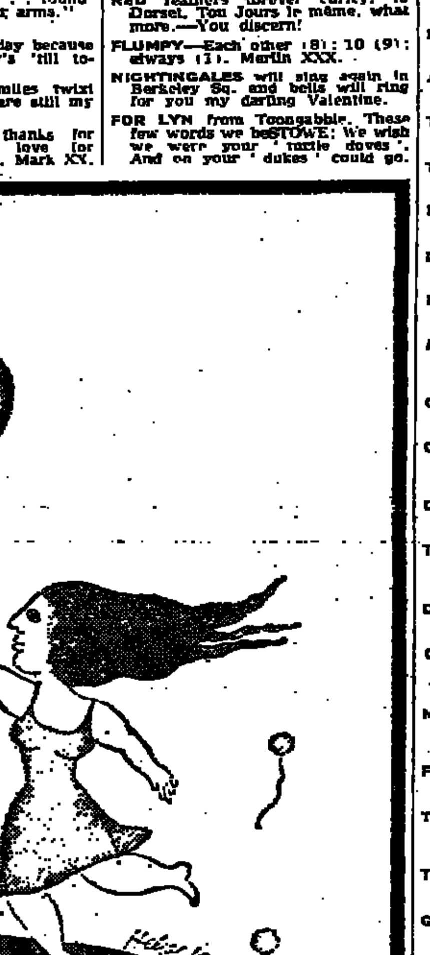
HEDGEHOG. my love has grown. yours not known. I need you now and for ever.—Pooh Bear.

RED feathers forever curley. to Dorset. Tou Jours le même. what more.—You discern!

FLUMPY—Each other (8): 10 (9): always (1). Merlin XXX.

NIGHTINGALES will sing again in Berkeley Sq. and bells will ring for you my darling Valentine.

FOR LYN from Toongabbie. These few words we beSTOWE: We wish we were your ' turtle doves '. And on your ' dukes ' could go.



PIGLET.—Each of us walks through life with a heart in which to carry things. Mine is full of love for you. Let's hold hands as we walk.

DIANE.—Love you forever and forever love you with all my heart. Love whenever we're together. love you when we're apart. With love, Bruce.

JUNE.—Time will not take away nor will distance matter because I can control my Yorkshire relish Love you lots from NGB.—EB.

ALL MY LOVE to the delicious judicious mother of our own fair Rosalind. Melancholy Jaques.

YOU OLD BAT.—Thank you for two and half wonderful years. There will always be a place for you in my heart. Bobo.

WATTLEBOTTLE. — Loving you madly and missing you badly. Just wait 'til April. DT.

RICH LOVE and tender elective passions shared, will blossom this summer. Darling.

TO WENDY, my sweet, thoughtful darling. my love my life. my everything. forever. M.A.N.

GOTCHA.—With love from the world's slowest wallpaperer to Britain's worst getter up. XX.

RUTH.—To share my life with someone like you is to know the meaning.

CHOPPY.—Thanks for everything darl, and I love you both. From Polly (and snugpuss).

ZILLAH ABONNEMENTS may cost more but Adelboden to Wimbleboden boom boum je t'adore.

AILSA, never mind the pact, I love you more than I know . . . P.

ALL MY LOVE Darling Tondle-Bumpkin from your big hairy bear.

LOVELY JOJO. My true Valentine. Boo.

ALL the primates in Peru could never replace my love for you. To my little squirrel monkey. love Sally.

GEMINI, It's in the stars. Sweet kisses, coffee, Yorkie bars Quarante deux. the two of us. My love for you Aquarius.

DARLING lovely squirrel Joan the ecstasy and passion of your love is the bright star which makes life heaven. BAS.

I WANT to announce that my wife. Daphne Havercroft. is the embodiment of grace and beauty and that I adore her.—Neil.

JANET with love and thanks for the happiest of years and in hopes of many more to come. Love Rob.

LUMPS and of the world she only knows of the feelings sown in a golden case. As I picked them so I do you. Love DG.

SYLVIE. My dearest only Valentine and will be 'till the river lumps over the mountain and the salmon sing in the street.

SALLY STANYER of Lucy Cavendish College is still loved by Fred, Sacha, Simon and most of all Michael.

TORHONA.—Golden haired and golden hearted I would ever have to be. Happy Valentines Day.

C TILE dearly loves a gorgeous, radiant, irresistable, fanciable, exuberant darling.

SQUAGYBAUM—When you're blue, read the poems sent to you. Love you always—Noniks.

JAKE-THE-RAKE ! Famous again : I'll keep it simple Hello ! I love you !—La Petite Hatch x x

DEAREST GUNP, love you lots, miss you madly and can't wait 'til April, Yours lustfully—GBTT.

HILARY.—Remember: Love is free but a frog is a friend forever. Croak, croak.

LYNNIE—Iloveyou Iloveyou Iloveyou Iloveyou Iloveyou Iloveyou Iloveyou—Pelle.

DARLING FLOWERPOT—Thanks for all your wonderful love and kindness. Let's grow old together—Your John.

KEITH.—Dishy, intelligent, kind. clever. sexy—what are you ? Deepest love—O.

THE TIMES may go, the Thames not flow. Fred's love for Olive still will grow.

S.—My kneecaps are yours to be nibbled for ever. Can I have your flabby bits ? x x x

P.J.—Thanks for not leaving. Here's to lots more rooting and shooting.—R.W.

JULIE.—My dear friend. To all the fun times, past, present, and yet to be. May tomorrow be replete with an ever rising sun. Love. as always, JHH.

THOU. Come home soon.

TO MY darling " Billsville ". I love you today and forever— Mills and bills and trills. Yours always—Thomas O'Rork.

JIMMIE VINER.—Hoping you'll be my everlasting Valentine. From your everloving Boolie.

SALLY. I love you like the stars above. I'll love you till I die.— A lovestruck Romeo.

DARLING SARAH, 11 months gone. hundreds left for us both to enjoy. I love you. Molo 851.

DARLING SOO.—Cancel weekend specials. booked for duration. terms all love. bed and corn flakes. Elska Barrie.

FOR HELEN AND CARA, wife and daughter. a Valentines Day message—I love you both and will be with you soon—Ken.

JANE. Land, sea, foreign climes. Jades not. my love for you. So. through all the times I can say, I love you. Peter.

J. The only solution is to cut it off . . . the red hair I mean. Rufus.

CINDERS. Hope you're still in Egypt. even though no longer in Palo Alto Cobbler.

ALOFT—the wire. Below—the line. Clang on my furneaux Valentine conductress dear, who never fails to keep her tramcar on the rails.

ALL this and Sebbe too Jacky I love you. Life gets better and better, Tim

DILTON marsh woman dearest darling E. Life with you is so precious that separation is unbearable. Time is on our side and one day we shall be together. Never forget that I love you more than words can convey. M.

HELEN! More than seven years ago we started something superb. Succumb to the itch—I love you always. F.

ANN OF THE FOREST priceless jewel. with gifts to love and thrill settle on acount with me. I am the final Bill.

ALISON.—I dream of you. walking the endless garden deep in my soul —Mark.

To MR DRUMMOND POPPET. I get a warm feeling when you're near me. Love. Mary Petaldove.

POLACK'S send Valentines love to Esti. Joanne. Tracy. Robyn. Claire, and Radhika.

HEATHER. You make my soul a burning fire. You're getting to be my one desire. You're getting to be all that matters to me. Alan X. Listen, S.W.

EILEEN the even more beautiful. Love you madly. Irwin.

P. WILLIAMS. Guard your heart or beware of crazy Dr Joan.

ADOLED. With love some pheasants do fly occasionally. Peacocks by half ?

I HOPE there will always be pilots notes for you and me to hold and read in ecstasy.

A MESSAGE from the gorgeous beast mutual admiration society. All my love.

AMANDA.—Soon we must be parted, yet as lovers we will remain together forever. Rick.

FOR MY JULIA.—Not only is she a lovely lady, she is my wife, yours truly. Chris.

RACHE.—Islamic maestro and lovely Scottish lady you're wonderful. I love you. D.

PERHAPS THE MOON. Celia, is shining for you in the far off country. lucky moon ! C.M.

MAGGIE. — Bluebells bloom for ever.—John.

KERRY PARR, can we meet by the garden fence tonight. there's something we have to discuss. Bonnie Charlie of Angilgate.

PUDDING. be my Valentine and my wife and I shall love you all my life.

JUJU: love is where you find it ! I'll be at Westminster all day.

CHRISTY. All I want is you oh yeah my only lover remember surely too stuck on Mig Raff.

LOVE grows by head and bed. At night we clung with Jung. I Honor sister's saint day.

SUE. If my I love yous were drops of water we would soon need an ark.—Love you, Robert.

" ELEGANCE of female friendship." " Tecum vivere amem. tecum obeam libens."—Clive.

VICTORIA. Thank you for making college such fun. Love Charles.

ROSEMARY. Train yourself to bank on me personally. Trust me although GU.—Love Martyn.

PAM. For nothing this wide universe I call, save thou, my rose; in it thou art my all.

COTTON TAIL I like wet spaghetti even if it's got cold feet. Woof —Peter Rabbit.

CHUCK.—You meet Skippy coming the other way. two feet above water. I love you, Rococo.

G. ALL LOVE, just like the days of whole lambs and fighting dogs. Good luck for party.—Y.

ANTHONY NOEL CURTIS. You look much more elegant reading this paper. Love from H.

E. MAY THE SUN for ever dance with dawn. It's so very dark without you.—D.

A CERTAIN mouse likes a sage wondrous person to celebrate with Champagne, dolcelatte and maybe nudding too.

EL BURGO Ranero Camino de Santiago, July 1974 Will you marry me ?

FLAMINGO. Exchange a little complexity for this empty longing. Will you be my Clandestine ? S.

JULES-VULCANS are incapable of illogical thought such as emotion and feeling—but you forget, I am half human—Spock.

VALERIE, if Claudio should continue to turn his back on you permit me to conduct your heart. One man and his notes.

DEAR L G.—Man thanks for yet another year of happiness. May you live and love for ever ! Your RJD.

GLORIA, Always mine, the lovliest Valentine. Love Bob.

LISA.—From the fierce squirrel to the angry Baboon, Te Quiero Mucho, Guero.

CATHERINE. perhaps we won't meet again but like Jackie Wilson said, I'm in Heaven when you smile. Love Eamon.

IF OPPORTUNITIES could be bought. an overdraft would be sought, to get a glimpse of you Didi.

J's OK. Love. Nonmedical.

RN. I love you as always. See Friedrich Rückert—" If you love for beauty's sake."

JOE.—Milk drinkers make better ? Oodles of love and loads of hugs and squashes. Love you!—Herbet.

TO CUDDLES, passing four, belov'd always by " Hair " enraptured Teddy-Bear.

VICKY dearest darling, all my love. —Peter.

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XXXX J U U L I E— XXXXXX
XXXX JJ UUU LLL I EEE FROMSW

TO LITTLE PRECIOUS from a bigger Little Precious, may love press us together XXXXX.

SJP.—Roses are red, violets are blue; this year for me, next year for you, I don't understand either.—Times will tell.

THE STITHIANS BEARS at Gabri requested specifically that I through The Times wish you love and we do.—You know who.

MRS POPPETY.—Mind so sober. heart so sore, soul in limbo. so unsure, yet never did I love you more.

TO S.A.—The love of my life. Love you allways, allways, are you sinful in the 4 poster ? Eternal love.—Big T.

KATY.—Cashier loves would be SRN. Thanks for 2 year engagement. West End has nothing like this. Marry me.—Love Gary.

HELEN.—It may be us against the world, but with you in my arms I'd swear that we have them outnumbered.

SUE.—For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings. that then I scorn to change my state with kings.—Adrian.

TO MY VALENTINE, Sylvia Lynda Hartley, whom for my burning love will always live and never die.

PAULINE.—Gather the rose of love, whilst yet is time, whilst loving thou mayst, love be with equal crime.—A.

THERE'S a river flowing by a willow tree. when you need to know, remember me my only love.

H.S.Y.—Shall miss you in HK. come back soon and be my Valentine again. All my love Pauline.

MALCOLM. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you, I love you.—Love, Mandy XX.

REMEMBER the glorious twelfth' A blakeful of my love.—The smelly legal octopus.

MARION. Precious blooms need nurture. I ask for the task. my love is so deep.—Tim.

DEAR MIKE. thank you for making me so happy. You're still the one!—All my love. Gee.

LIN. you justified my going to a public school.—All my love, darling. Eric.

APHRODITE could surely not have graced Athens as fairly as you do. All my love C.

TWELVE YEARS ON and Cyril Nutkin still fancies, loves and cares for little Diddy Bum.

TO PINKY AND PERKY from Bill and Ben. My extra special secret agent. I love you lots.

MRS CASTLE. Guess what? Stay happy and cuddly cos I need you buckets.—Votre pal.

DENNIS (Sunbeam).—After 743 days I still love you.—Anne (carpark).

DUDLEY ROSS—to know you is to love you even though you are what lobsters eat!—BB.

A DOUGHT, a cloud, a dreary day? With you the sun is never far away, and as the days go by. my love for you will multiply.

OF ALL THE PLANES in all the world you walked into mine. Thank you Bobbyald Mu.

CUNICULO.—No Regency. anything is good enough for our Pedro. Happy V. Day—Pudso and Theons.

DELIGHTFUL, delicious dentist of W11.—An incurable romantic sends her love.

TO MY DARLING fiancée, sweet Christine, the most beautiful girl in the world. I adore you sweetheart.—Your Matthew.

DARLING ERICA, the one for whom plans are made is forever yours in slavish adoration. XXXX

CAROL, FRANCIS.—Your love and affection has made your world the place for me, my Jameel.— Ni Heeb.

MAGGIE: your thorns are sharp but you're still the only rose that grows in my heart. Heaven can wait for you.—Jules.

FAIR CAMILLA, in wit so sparkling. in beauty so devastating. in love so passionate. Ever yours.—T.

TO EM FROM RF. The world hath seldom heard of lovers. who so nearly erred and yet. who did not.

TO A PETIT MOUTON from a globetrotting elephant collector. lots of luv for ever.

GIVE STARSKY AND HUTCH the boot, Huggie Bear, and I'll kiss Sue Ellen. Goodbye.—J.R.

PETER BEAR, chouffeur, je t'adore. Four months, four days ! Kisses everywhere.—Suzi Bear.

CAROLINE MARGARET Baggage Bonkers Bossboots Valentine. I have been true for 21 years today and so it will be for ever my love.

JPAR.—Your little Rattie sends you all her love on Valentine's Day and for ever more.

JEFF. — You don't need an I.Q. of 167 to understand I love you (but it sure helps!) Susie

SURPRISE. — From cold hands. prickly whiskers and young Nelson. We love you. Dr. C.

KATE. — ULM Thanx. ILU2. There's not a card big enough. XXX to Di and the girls. JaKeli XXX.

DEARLY BELOVED.—Jane (Dolly) My true love be my Valentines. I love only you. T XXX.

BUGLEY. — This message is to tell you that Jag Alskere dig lots and lots—Vulti. XX.

THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH. — My heart is true to Snoozy Pooh and Pousainette.

FIONA. — Cambridge to London on two wheels or four, I love you for ever. From a Snahou.

JANE CAMILLA.—Wriggle wriggle. Snugg. snuggle cuddle cuddle. who could want more.—Love RD.

JO JO. — Forget O. and G. Paris waits for us. Baby.-Popping St.

HI! Loveliest and most exciting of women. Friends and neighbours!

BOBBLES. My beloved, Happy V. Day Love Miss B. XOXO.

SHIRLEY. — Lovely woman, my heart melts when I think of you. Always caring for you. R.J.

RUTH. — You've given me a world of joy and laughter. I'll love you always. Arthur.

ELAINE. — One merger you have truly banked on enjoying. Love and happiness. Michael.

TO MY TRUE LOVE. Darling joy a kiss for every mile we are apart. All my love, Brian.

TO SEE YOU is to be with you. to be with you is to know you. to know you is to love you. to now you is to kiove you.

POOCH. — I shall love and honour you until eternity. I am forever yours. Stinks.

CONSTANT FOR FAY, Ever diminishing never my love for you unchanging.—Bob.

PAH (LITTLE PUD). — After last year not so big pud loves you even more.—MLH.

ROS. — Much to my chagrin I love you. What on earth can we do about it. Ladder lob? N.

JOAN, — My love, my life and my heart are yours. You are all I want and need. — Philip.

WEEZIE. — A special Valentine to a very special American lady. Love Ray.

DILL. — So fair a herb flowering Yellow even in winter winds Comforts my heart.—Love, Tarzan.

TO GEORGE'S FRIEND. — Come down to Epsom and see me sometime. Love Pinkie's friend.

BUCKETS OF LOVE. — To my ' Bunsy ' from ' Wally '.

R BOOBI.—You can check my figures and play around with my assets anytime. — Gingamouse.

MICH ELANGELO.—I never knew quibbling could be such fun. Cutely on queue, Lucretia

PINK GOOSE. — Your Gosling loves you, even when you peck. Peep, peep, cheep, cheep!

CINA. — I can't believe operam et cleunsn perdidi. Will you be my Valentine? The Kid.

SAINT HELENA, — " Oh my America, my New Foundlande ". Poorman.

BARBARA.—Aval aniv vodes ma shoot rotsah. Avan aniv oheyv et habakbura. Stephen.

DOBBIE, from the Dane who loves you. always think of the bright sides of life.

DARYL DARLING, may the summer of our love ne'er turn to autumn. May the fruits of our love grow and be happy. Pete.

ON EASTER Saturday Mr Randy Andy and Miss Juicy Jackie will love to be Mr and Mrs S.

V. voici des fruits, des fleurs des feuilles et des branches. Et puis voici mon coeur quine bat que pour vous. H.

CAROLINE, Mary S my dearest darling I love you far more dearly than the spoken word can ever hope to tell ! Chris.

MWC21 I can't wait till 11th April when you will finally make my dreams come true. D.D.

LORRAINE-CAROL. Darling love bubbles and greetings, need I say more ? Luv Ya.

BELLA MARIA.—May your giggles twinkle on and your doolions shine for ever. A.L. Ojja.

SARAH KITTEN.—I still love you and still miss you so much. Please contact me, Alan.

GERALDINE.—" All your dreams are filled with promises ".—Love Derek.

SHARON.—The only bird in my life. apart from " The Eagle " that is.—Love Steve.

GINNIE yah mnyeah bryeahgah— you; in Russian.—XXX J.B.G.M.

TANGLEWOOD has another secret. He would love to be your Valentine, right.

DAVID Bowie may be divine, but he'll never be as lovely as you are ! XXX.

RATCHET, I think that I shall never see anyone as lovely as you. Tree, Steve.

FUNNY FACE. Face Mecca now and always.

TO LINDA, my lovely little lady. you have all of my love forever. Your Andy.

SINGSING isn't so far and one year isn't so long. I love and I miss you. An ernest admirer.

SHARON P/A. Luv You always Victor.

YOU SHIRLEY are the sunshine of my life. rise, shine or set in East or West. Love Donald.

LORNA.—Am I mad to place an Ad today. When it's to the one I love. No Way ! Richard.

MY LITTLE APPLE, how succulent a fruit, Adam was never so sorely tempted. Je t'aime. Nick.

JOY in my heart when you are near. I won't let J.R. come between us dear. Love always Rob.

DEE DEE Love You always. Alan.

NIKKI.—All you talked of was double beds, only talked.—Desert Dweller.

MORNING! Dearest Roz. Rain stops play but why? R.S.P. Can mean so much more. (W.W.I.W.) Like last year but more. All my love —Lost.

TO MY DARLING Wummelphile.— Sorry, but I adore you. Tons of love, Rwoy-dashed.

SOMEWHERE in time Brenda is ours, please be my Valentine till then and ever. DFHMILY.M.

JOHN T. PROUD.—You're a pig, bounder, rotter, cad, brute, and I hate you.

POT BELLY and I simply could not, bear to be without Honey Pot.

DARLING ANDY, thank you for all you have done to make my life complete.—Love David.

WELL, young Giles, a quarter of a century is a long time. Congratulations' kid.

TO MY little luxury dementia. libido et deperire. I miss you Jo-Anne.

TICH, you are the bestest girlie in the world and I shall love you madly always.—Taip.

SANDY. Love may be the best thing since sliced bread. but I think your better.—Mike.

HONEY-WONEY. Let's set Valentine alight and act our surname out tonight.—D. D. Darling.

DARLING BUTTERFLY with all my love.—Bumblebee.

SHEILA. Luncheon at the National. a taxi ride or two. after twenty years my darling I still love you.

AMONGST the dreaming spires lies a teddy dreaming of a cuddly koala far away by the sea, whom he loves dearly.

CHUFFIEST CHUFFY CHUFF please be mine today or I shall have to call for La Poolah. Kiss kiss Bwana Tebengang.

MY LOVE is like a red red rose. Her heart is Calon Lan ; I Bob un this proferring shows My Valentine is Anne.

. . . LIEBSTE KUSCHKA . . . Ich liebe dich sehr lassi uns fur immer glucklich Zusammenbleiben und Zusammenhalten.

RW's too short, GP's too tall, IR's bald and midding thats all, but IR's got Ruth and that what really 1, 2, 3. Cos' RR's the best and the very best is okay with me!

LOVE and lots of it from a confirmed capitalist to such a lovely lovely girl, also a confirmed capitalist. I love you. I honestly love you.

MUM, thanks for a super 25 years. You and Dad are magic. God bless you, love, Graeme.

YELLOW, I would love to be with you forever looking in the same direction.—Stripe.

SWEET char disect this ode a lovers name in simple code proclaiming his love divine he simply is your Dana Slime.

K. C. true, mad, passionate, wild, total, billions and billions. You make my sunshine band complete. Be mine for always please. F. G.

J. Pussycats Rule OK, Furry Features.

DIDDUMS. Roses are red. violets are blue, my sweet little brusselthub, oh how I love you ! — Diddums.

ANN you are beautiful: therefore to be woo'd: Ann you are a woman: therefore to be won !

SARAH PATERJIGS.—Our sun is in a winter of chess, but we will find warm summer after some sweet mating!—Martyn.

THE POLICEMAN was red, your Mini was blue I don't know what he said but I still love you.

I NEVER loved, never cared, never gave nor shared, never wanted, never needed, never yearned, never pleaded, till I met you my darling Sulyin.

FREAKY DEAKY, who loves you baby ? Bournville with no old city or a male goose supplies the clue. All my love T. A. S.

TO MY VALENTINE love and affection and whatever joy comes to you will make me glad.

MA CHERE Brenda en Burgundy peruse this loving message ' Message ends. Ton ami En Ego.

CHRIS. You're number one in the alley, and always number one with me.

MA PETITE durse à miel. l'amour de ma vie. Je t'aimeral toujours. Ton grand canard.

J. One week to the most wonderful event in our lives yet. Can't wait. Love you. J.

V.—The message is constant. The imporative greater. Lysistrata grew hair on her chest.—B.

ONLY one white cat is allowed into the buffalo garden because she is loved.

A MESSAGE of Valentine. It seems to be a demonstration of love between the lines !—R.H.

TO the President of the banana republic. You're the finest president we've ever had and your only constituent would agree. I love you.—From Cheese Log (hint, hint).

RENATE.—Love Albert.

UNRIVALLED, rarest Valentine, concealed in my opening line, unravel it—and thrice divine.

VAL. Every year we love you more, and every year there seems to be more of us to love you.—Fred. Dan. Roben. and Hannah.

JANE MACDONALD. It's nice to have someone so thoughtful and dear. Someone to love every day of the year. Someone to dream with and make plans with too. A sweet. special Valentine. Wonderful you —Tony.

BUNNY RABBIT. In the happy-ever-afters snuggling is best. Little bear agrees.—The Bugains.

SANDRA, Serve me your apple tart and pour me out your wine. Eat, drink and be merry, sister of charity mine —F.

SUE. If it makes you laugh it's worth every penny. Happy Valentines Day.—Love Guido xx.

BABS. I think of you all the time and miss you even more often ! All my love.—Colin.

LU LU BELLE it's you I want. It's love I need. I love you love —I do.—Onkey.

RAT. Many waters cannot quench love, rivers cannot wash it away. —Evershrew.

TO MY OWN Woolly Bugalos from your loving little Snuggler. Love today and forever.—S xx.

MR JUSTICE TRUMPET loves his Lindy Loo and says thank you for millions of happy seconds.

EILEEN, you have been are now and always will be the one and love of my life.—Bob.

JACKY. " Clarum et venerabile nomen gentibus." —SK sends his love to IOL.

LOUISE, I will love you forever.— Tony.

WENDI.—My only Valentine.— Love Andy.

BEAUTIFUL blue-eyed bushbaby. thinking of you today and forevermore.—Your loving bear.

MELANIE, " Spring and summer do happen in Cambridge almost every year ! "—Optimistic ?

JAMES, I will wait 30 years for you, Happy Valentine.—Lots of love, Tania.

DEAR Mrs. Z. You'll always stay in my films !—Love, for ever from your husband.

ELAINE darling. I love and adore you more each day. Please be mine forever.—David.

GRUNT I love. so grunt I say " Have a grunieous Valentine Day ".—Dolly.

LOVE is ours for time untold. From orestruck mines of natures gold. To Prot.—Love Bun.

RICHARD ATKINSON. Rise and be counted; you creator of Katie wally basher; satiton stalker phantom of lifted loo seats. Tireless lover. don't kill me when you read this.—Jane.

JENNY I love you.—A. C, hump

MAY. It was the sweetest day in the world, now tearaway is as proud to belong to brilliant and very dear L.L.. L.W.. B.K. Best husband in world.—Love G.

TO MY DEAREST PATSY. Last year my Valentine, this year my wife. Thankyou darling for a wonderful year.—Peter.

JANEY DARLING.—Here's to Paris in November. Oodles of love and kisses. Yours forever, Dompoms.

WRAC ADJUTANT MEA CULPA Public penitence merits grace Forgiven I rejoice and bless. S. Val je t'adore.—Queen's Man.

CURLY.—Please learn to love my tummy as well as my mind.—All my love Fat Man.

BEAU LOST HIS PEEP in Bristol seeks Florentine shepherdess to help with chandeliers.

JILLY-FLOWER.—All my love to you on Valentine's Day, and for ever.—Michael.

THIS COMES with all my love to wish that you'll always be a happy each day my darling as you make every day for me.— Love and cuddles, peter.

BIRDIE. Roll on 1984. Bus stop in Sloan Street aren't what they used to be. Be happy. Masses and masses of love.—P. Poo.

PETRA AND KATIE. one better than you: two better than horses All love.—J. and J.

PLUM. I love you more with each passing day. All my love for ever, darling.—Ian.

DEAR JOAN, it was the best thing I ever did, marrying you. All my love. Roy.

BIRTHE.—Number four is great especially in the making. Jeg Elske Dig.—Dick.

ALL MY LOVE, darling Wurkin on this our wedding day. From Jenks " Budge " Miles.

PETER.—All my love.—Jane.

SHIRLEYBIRD.—Let's fly !—John.

SUE. Snow is cold. rain is wet. chills me right to the core. won't be happy till I see you alone again. J.

IF LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT and 'ahm a lovin' you, how can we possibly fail ? All my love forever. The Rock XXX.

IAN. Love and miss you. Terry. x

LYNN. I love thee with the breath smiles, tears of all my life Roger.

ALPEN. 'Tis what I love determined how I love and I love you very much. Nervenox.

BUMBLE. Wife, mother, lover, one in a million. the one for me All my fondest love. Cedric.

TIGLET.—Kermie loves his Panther Bear and needs her now and forever. Happy anniversary.—C R

SUPERMAN—support your local bookstall Buy a quire of The Times. XXXXXX, Lois Lane.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK Were we weally wed ? Walla. we will worship when words wither.

BEASLE.—Hippo Valentine. Let get down to some more pre-match training tonight !

MR. CORNFIELD. There's no need to read twixt these lines as you're on my stage. Love Woo

DEAR DOCTOR D, whenever you wish, have a PR on me, in return for a kiss. Smackers XX

TO PAMMIE. The Video Queen of Jacklin Green. How many eggs today's flan ? Love. Big. C.

EUNI-POON EUNI-POON. I love you Euni-Pooon. PS Is it this week your husband's away?

JUDITH SHAW—Chaz loves you as much now as before and will do forever more.

CHEAPGOAT FOR SALE.—Expensive to run (spare tyre, long-sleeves) but reliable. Pedro.

NIKI—I still cant resist you agi legova yegou degaridgink. How is the Merc ? Matthew x x x x.

DARLING ROBERT light of my life precious treasure etc. always and forever with love.—C.

MRS. P.—Cheers my dears for 40 years, love and kisses and plenty of tears.—Willie Worm.

TO MY UNFADING IRISH ROSE— As lovely today as she ever was Undying love—Blooterbucket.

RAY, how's this for style and / waste of money, all my love Shirley.

VICTORIA, Albert still loves you.

MARK, now you have to believe I love you—why else would I go to such lengths ? Sarie x.

MY LADY JILL—I want you and need you but most of all love you very very much.—Phil.

LIZ—Well lover, at least you've found it. Still love you (and it) —Richard.

I'M WHOOPING IT UP in the flat tonight with glamorous Alastair We could sing and shout and prance about in Victorian underwear.

JANE—Vue ye wool (2, 4, 3, 4) solve it and see walamd B Richard Sall and Bobo.

SQUIGGY gorgeous pussy rat poor —Always be mine. Rice Paper Tiger Pooh.

KIPPER.—Love and total dedication to you would be an understatement of my feelings Pudding. XX.

MY DEAR GERMANIAC—You wanted me to tame you and now you are unique in all the world

CHRIS, I'll love you forever.

ANDREA, my Ariadne. your name is in her name. you are the thread thru my life —Thils.

FRED WINKLE, M.M.W. I love you. Hairy Fairies love you Let's stay together. Twinkle.

ELIZABETH—Always with love. Nanny's little boy.

TOAD.—Theres room on my lily leaf for you. I love you now and forever.—Frog.

DEAR MARIA.—Page 16 is never straight and smooth. It'll be beautiful though. I love you

HIL.—" And I will come again my luve ".—Lots of love

EILEEN, to you, on Valentine Day as always, my love Freddie.

TO SPARROWHAWK from Dedalus " Tampa Tribune or London Times the fact is plain to see I ever will your True Love be By Eastern Time or G.M.T."

TO MY DEAREST PAMELA, message of gratitude, joy and happiness. with all my love.— Keith.

R.—Pigs may come and pigs may go but I have a hairdryer. I'll have you! R.

M.—Happy Valentine's Day, with lots of love and kisses, From Snoopy. XXX.

TEDDY.—I wonder by my troth what thou and I did till we loved. Had to be donne. Baby

FRANCES.—I love you lots + lots + lots + lots + lots + lots + lots . . . From your Brian, XXXX.

TO PIPPA LONG-STOCKING— Loving a Pip is Hip: Love Nathaniel + Co.

LYNNIPOOS.—Who loves you? do—you're very own and forever Doobolling Shylals.

DIANE.—Sentenced to life for stealing moments and loving them and you. Geoffrey.

NIKKI.—Mogatollah Hippolytus Jemima Puddle love you, but not as much as me D O M.

NLB.—Another year of love gone by. Lots more to come will REALT. MMTELS, TTJ. SIS and YK.

STU.—Together — Forever Now — Luv.

HEY, GILLY, aren't newspapers fun! Will you be my Valentine

DEAREST TRICIA.—Happy Valentines Day to a gorgeous lady love you so much. David XXX

PSST! Yogurt just isn't the same without you anyway. What's I'll not that I haven't (Apart from the patience?).

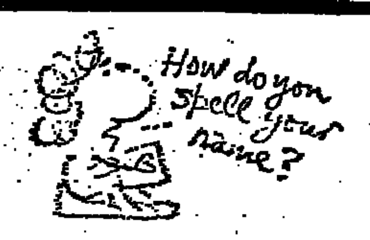
LORAINE.— Now there's hope in my twisty window! I love you—R.

CARY, you're my favourite guard and I love you bundles ! Masses of kisses —Paula

BERNADETTE. Thank you for a very happy year. With all my love and best wishes for the future —Joe

BARBARA. Happy Valentine's Day See you in France. All my love —Kenneth.

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Valentine's Day Messages



TINY LICKLE WHITE BALL OF FLUFF. Today papa bear loves you more ?

TO A PUG NOSE DIRTY RAT, my one and only love. Thinking of you today and everyday.—Huggy Bear.

GREEN-EYED LADY: Cyprus plus seven wonderful months and I love you more than ever.—R.

S. I need you follow, but do not forget more and more and nights ... Much love. J.

M.A.—After fifteen years and Michael, Lydia, Miriam and Ezekiel, I love you more than ever.—Moo.

THOUGHTLESS RODENT sends Valentine's Day love to Her Ace Action man.

C.J.—No matter where I travel to see or overtake, the places are such nicer with you to hold my hand.—R.J.

IMPLER.—Love is what you am—Love.—Xon.

FIONA STEWART.—Sun cannot wither, nor the sands condemn.—I love you.—The Banker.

SYLVIA.—A certain paranoid twit not knowing what's good for him. Loves you very much.

FERVIOUS.—Love and passion and belongings. Each moment passed is a moment less long to wait. I love you completely.

DARLING GUFF.—Where are you and what do you ...? All my love.—David. XXX.

LOVE ... POSSUM.

CATHERINE E. BLATCHFORD.—It is God who maker woman beautiful. It is the Devil who makes her pretty. Love, David J. Thompson.

DOVEL.—This year see under Annie Patricia.

ANNIE PATRICIA.—My precious I think of you on St. Valentine's Day as on all days.—Crab.

HELLO FACE I—I never see or touch you, we rarely talk, but dear Clare, I love you—Oh! —All the time, for ever.—Niinks.

I.B. FROM P.B.—A.m. or p.m. we are one. Why then what needs though have more covering than a man. Last year. This year. Some time. Ever.

NICK.—Sending you my deepest love on Valentine's Day. Missing you lots and lots and longing to see you soon. I love you for ever.—Gary.

SHARON.—Valentine's Day is meant for people just like me to tell you that you really are as lovely as can be. All my love.—C.F.G.P.

N LIZ.—How are yer teeth.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS when, together, we touch the stars. Lingering kisses sweeter than wine. These lovely things make you my dear dear Valentine.

D.J.J.—The more knowledge is inherent in a thing, the greater the love ... Paracelsus. Know that my love is total—I am besotted.—Y.L.D.

INDOMITABLE.—I'd like to leap for you in a single bound! May I know it with you. I love you now and forever. Your one and only princess. X.

J.C.B.—You have taken me higher, higher than I've ever been before. So that I can do to you, that I can do for you what I did before.

NORHOUSE.—The ecstasy of my life, asleep at the Mad Hatter's party and when it is over and we wake I shall still want to be your lover.

WINTER DAY many years ago we vowed to love forever to say and Michael wants Barbara to know his love has grown ever since that day.

TO K.K. Roses are red (gulp). I need a DRINK. 'cos my little nose is ... whole world PINK!

WHO is the mother of 3 Doolally children, one daft dog, and an inconstant cat? I love you really.

CARMEN. Gracias por tu dedicacion. Espero nuestro eterno amor ...

BEAR Angle, though we are so far apart, we shall always be so close. All my love.—Marc. xxx.

ALISON. Every once in a while it's nice to say a friendly Hi! to someone I really like.

MARY, the book and the brae.

JUNE. We will be magic forever. wherever we go. I love you. G.

DARLING HELEN. Happy Valentine. I love you and I hope we will always be as happy as we are today. Yours for ever.—Tom.

MINI METRO at 172 miles per hour. I love you and your owner. Please be my Valentine. Love Daimler Sovereign.

DAVENPORT. To the gorgeous-looking blonde from Worthing. I love you more than words can say. All my love.—Martin.

ARJ. Liverpool, Shepherds Bush, High Wycombe, York, Romford, Stapleford Abbotts. A geography of love.—Bobby.

ELIA. The tide may flow across the shore at Timbwani, but my love for you will never ebb. My mariadadi.—William.

ANSFORD—Roses are red, violets are blue, your legs are too skinny, but I love you—Steamy Sexpot.

ASSER—I miss you. I adore you. I love you. Come back soon, the hill at Greycliff is mounting up.

ALEX.—Lucky me to have a wife who seems to like the inadequate support of a cobweb. How I love and bragg about her.

FRANCHISEE wanted—I deal in those priceless qualities—love and tenderness. But only to selected outlets.—Andrea.

BRENDA.—Wife, friend, Cordon Bleu cook, toilet roll destroyer and decorator. I love you now and forever.—R.

BRIDGET.—Dream how beautiful our world could be, then reach out your hands across the sea.—Graham.

SARAH.—Lamborghini I failed to arrange but you know I love you darling for your fragrance adds up to 22.

ANN CAMMISH: Words are only air, money is only paper, rings are only metal—but our love is for ever !—John.

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN called Barry, who decided he wanted to marry. He made himself busy, found 4 kids and Lizzy: Happy Valentine's Wedding Gilbs.

ANN CRICHTON-SMITH.—My love for you is longer and straighter than my best drive at the 15th — Forever. One Holer.

MY DARLING KIM (MK) Valentine sweet, valentine true, this missive conveys my unwaning love for you. I love you.

LU: Luv—you know the rest.—Andy.

JE suis en mal d'amour.—JCF.

JULIE, mummy, darling Moo, no matter how you say it, I love and adore you.—Andris.

CHRISTINE: Together soon and love you always.—John.

SMALL BEAR.—Love you, love you, love you—even gallivanting. C. D. M. Hunstable Esq.

OLD SHE IS AND SO AM I FOR. this sexy sculptress. Pernod fiend and cerebral palsied she may be, but lover and friend she is to me. Love Timothy John.

TO CLAUDIA.—The only words I can say to you on Valentines Day are although we are far apart I love you with all my heart. All my love, David.

EILEEN.—Since you are no misfit how about educating Rita at last?

JILL.—How arduous it is for affairs of the heart to be so consuming.

MAGARET.—Will you still love me when you take the shopping basket out of Eden?

SILK STOCKINGS.—My mind in a time warp locked to yesterday's electric force Zoe Mon Sas Agapo

SLOBBIT.—With all our love. Slob and the Crobe. Thanks for the coffee and milk.

VALENTINE 81.—As our bloods separate time gains ground. We hear song birds again, faint then less faint as soft breathing comes on the more I seek you. Timeless I shall sing bind me and be mine.

M It's very clear ! Thank you for six happy years. It really is a dream come true. S.

UCKY—No one loves you like I do and like only a bear could do —Grizzzzzzzly.

PIKY my little campsite. I love you lots and lots indeed. May we be ever happy. P the C.

ANNY—I won't be negligent if you'll be my valentine. S.

B. When we shared our first chicken it fair bowled meova. Oh Miss B. do ring Mr P.

MOUSE ! New flat might need ferrupins but do they eat beans ? Have a happy day ! ! !

ACE. love and kisses always. From Gordon Bennet and the late lamented Monstre Vert.

PIGEON—I love you wholly and forever. Thank you for building my nest and cooing in my ear. J.

TO St. Elmo's Finest from repute ingrates. Penny's Valentine from loving Housemates.

BABY BEAR. Tooting Bec or Rome ? It the same difference. I love you anyway. A Tiger.

DARLING M, nearly one and going strong — tiny feet before too long ? I love you P. P.S. Dinner Savoy Monday ?

GRAHAM, when at last our life on earth is through I will share eternity with you. Jane.

LOVE is feeling sharing love. Love is being, being in love. Squil, I love you. Puddle x x.

NO. 5.—All my love.—No. 5.

WINNIE.—Ich liebe dick, Sehr.—Una.

KAREN.—Thanks for buttoning my shirts, staying awake at Berwick, the mirror in the kitchen and the pouffee in the lounge. I love you. Your eight-week-old husband.—David.

EXAMS PASSED OR NOT today you're a grade 1 (No 1) top of the pile Valentine.

SNOOKS.—I love you.—Papillion.

TO HOUSE OF BULMER, a Valentine, from Drop of Alomain.

MARY.—Hello, it's me again.—Love A. X.

PETITE une aime grizzly, tres beaucoup.

TO GRIZZLY, a valentine from little one.

MAUREEN.—All my love as always, especially if you help me with the eliminator!—John.

FUNNY LITTLE THING or LP or GGP. Now I want the whole world to know that I love you. After years in the wilderness it still runs strong and deep (and always will).—Love to Scrap.

G I D O T

GORDON B., SEDBERGH.—'' You battered my heart at Epiphany.''

WELL YES, but don't leave it too long whatever the reason, on your side or on mine.—T.

JUDY.—By George if this guy's one of the players how can the result be love all?

GMVG AND ME.—June 28 coming soon, and don't eat the sausages. Roll on the cold backs.

CHUNKY.—Mere words cannot truly express the '' Spirit of Marske ''.—Rat Weasel.

ALLISON.—Darling darling Allison. My love for you grows deeper every year.

CILLA.—Sweet present of the present, cool of night, warmth of my life.—Love, Chris.

FOR SUCH SERVICES to biology, Miss Dolan, I will wear always my eminence.

G.—You're my little duck, what are you?—Sugar Plum.

LUCY.—Wherever, mine forever.—C.B.

PAT.—Just one voice singing in the darkness, just one voice singing I love you Tommy.

DIPPI.—I will love you forever darling. We'll be together very soon darling.—Poppet.

CATHERINE.—I love you. Before you change you mind again let's do something about it.—Steve.

MOLL.—We'll be in touch though all our Fridays turn out to be ...

MY LOVE AND GRATITUDE to Tio for all the years of help and love my Valentine.—BS.

BE MY VALENTINE. Your geography is divine, my heart is pleading a course in map reading.

FROM YOU ON Valentine's Day, thinking of you always, today and every day. Yours for ever. Roll on next year.—Pat. I.L.Y.

MU DARLING.—Be it Jersey, Guernsey or Outer Hebrides—I still love you.

TO BARBARA, my eternal Valentine, for whom no words could ever express my undying love. For ever yours, Brian.

BARB, to love you is to say '' 35 years of Valentine Day ''. Let's do this a special way, you and me—Paris in May.—Tom.

PICCOLI, in Rome, then London. New York and Paris, you are my morning glow, my Sunday sun and the warmth of dusk.

PATROCINIO ero mi amor. And as you I love. Asi en '' el Times '' te mando eso Un Anglo-Spanish beso.

JANE.—I know I'll never lose affection, for people and friends that went before, in my life I'll love you more.—J.

CANDY.—I always wanted to send you a Valentine but you were never here. Until now, I love you.

PRINCESS. — L'absence est à l'amour ce qu'est au feu le vent: il éteint le petit, il allume le grand. God speed.—Moreish.

DEAR STUPID.—Life depends on everything, but especially on you and me. Love you insanely.—Fait.

CUDDLY Brookside super-lass, may you have that which you deserve —me ! ! ! Signed—An Incorrigible Vagabond.

RAE CARA qui te viderit
Et non amarit protinus,
Amore perditissimo,
Is credo se ipsum non amat.
Careique Amandi sensibus
Et odit omnes gratias.

I AM YOURS and you are mine. my one and only Valentine.

THOUGH CARDS AND ROSES are very fine, Let Penguins send your Valentine (THE BRITISH IN LOVE by Jilly Cooper).

HUNTER DUNN, Miss J.—Read Jilly Cooper's new Penguin THE BRITISH IN LOVE and learn something to your advantage.

PB—Ah the pleasure of Rose precious memories, a divine happy year, auvoir my love. K.K.

AFTER FIGHTS AND WORDS of violence, in times of joy, times of sorrow, we will comfort each other the way old friends do. I love you, JoJo.

ANGI, I've found my hill and changing winds blow to Suffragette City—Luv you. J.

'' DUKE '' 3265 has this mad thing about '' Saint '' 2908 and thanks to '' God's wonderful Railway '' !

OLGA MY ZWITERION—Stinker the Zouave loves you.

GENEVA — Courchevel — London: You excite me everywhere. Anywhen, fortune will freak in time. Je t'adore, by beautiful—Edi.

SALLY DARLING, Burberry is missing you. Return before it snows. Fondest love—Charlie.

SARAH.—Happy Valentine Day. I love you with all my heart. From Little Mushroom Face.

JULIE RED BOOTS.—Screwball wrist twister plots his move to net the Painted Lady.

JENNIFER JANE RUTLAND.—With must love and affection !

PEASANT—Happy Valentine's Day ! My love for you grows more each day.—From H.M.T.

LIZZIE—For mentally perfect days we must have physically perfect nights. See you soon.—M.

DARLING Anno.—'' What need'st thou have more covering than this man.''—Patrick.

CLARE.—My passionate love is yours. Be my Valentine. We will be happy. you and me.

MY Darling Chris. Your love is my light. Keep it switched on! All my love always.—Bob.

MY Darling Gillian.—Will this be the year you say you will be mine? Eternal love from K.

MANDARINS.—Uncle Percy and the boys send much love to Aunty Mandy and the girls.

CHARLIE.—From this day we are one, in love, and our happiness begins.—Cosa.

SHARON.—Lets be friends, for always.—Love Mike.

I'LL love that little '' Mustard and Blacking '' girl forever.—Orlando, Questa and Bun.

SALLY MARSHALL.—It's time I put into print that I love you very much, and always will.—John.

DONALD MAC.—You're divine, spending so much with me, you'll be rewarded in time, as you'll blooming well see.

DEAR Richard, please be true and scend more on the box, I promise, if you do you'll polish off more cox.

PLEASE don't be cruel Giles about my humble creations, they may not raise smiles, they sure raise donations.

100M.—I love you. I hope you'll be true to the one who's nursed you from birth right through.

OH Jack, you cheeky thing, another brand would be nice, to rhyme with knotted string and our ball & chain device.

WE'LL trim whiskas together and life will be cushy, if you trust me forever, with the care of your pussy.

TO JUDY, owner/occupier of my mind. All my love—Julian.

WELLIBOP. I saw eternity the other night like a great ring of pure and endless night.

PRECIOUS be my Valentine, parted but together My heart is forever thine.

G.B.W. June will be soon and I love you now and always. Nunc scio quid sit amor.—M.

S. '' THING ''. See you Hellenikon: 13th March. With all my love. '' Curlytops ''.

CARIAD mawr j'taime. I love you.

RED MOUSE, if only February had 31 days. Gleichfalls, gleichfalls, gleichfalls: Beige mouse.

BECK, it has been a great year and Mr Grouper loves you very much. x x x

DICKEN—Nos Valentine. Mari merveilleux, pere passioné, matelot magnifique. Luv U-Chumblings and Mummy.

MAGARET, my only Valentine for ever and ever.—Richard.

THIS year a brother in Kent
Next year perhaps dear Tesea
A lover and all the world ?

GOLDEN DELICIOUS.—More shipments required of best French apples. You grow more beautiful every day.—From the Fervent Tortoise.

JUNE ANDREWS. — To someone who is so enchanting, a real-life dream-come-true, I send my love with all my heart to my wonderful you.—Mike A.

FELICITY. Felicity, I love you for much more than your stew or your eyes or your smile but all because you are you.

SUE ! I love your blue eyes and your loins make me quake. I would kill for your thighs, but DIE for your fruit cake.

TO BARBARA. You have the style. I have the speed. Together the perfect pair. With love today.—Roy.

TUBS, thank you for the last year. I look forward to overcaling during the summer. I still love you very much.—Lump.

DEAREST CHAR. Love in Riyadh and Wadi Hanaah has no comparison. I can't wish for anything else !

ROSIKI, a fair African maid from a fair African country. I'm smitten by your charms.—Love, John.

BESIDE ME, my friend, come down the stairs into our workshop. Meet you there, Valentine, often, —Love you lots.

A LOVELY lady called Hazel, charms continually dazzle. Doting old hubby called Tim, who sends a Valentine rhyme.

JULIA: You may be in Ealing while I'm out free-wheeling, but darling, always remember, it'll soon be September !—'' D ''.

MY DEAR Mrs D., how truly I love thee. 'Tis sad to live apart, but thanks for Sunday tea.

TO PATRICIA LOARRIDGE—my wife—who is in every possible sense, the most beautiful lass in the world.

GYPSY SASHA and John want to say how much they love you. They promise to find you a garden and house soon.

PILI. Gin rammy's all right, I'll play it all night with you. But when I don't win it seems rather grim . . . —200 by ½ past 2 !

TO SHE who breaks glass, from he who breaks cars, oil and plutonium will never break our hearts. —Love, X 10 oc.

R. J. H.: The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved (Hugo). Yours always Susie and Little.

J.S.—'' And I'll show you a sunset, if you stay with me till dawn.'' Thinking of you in Montevideo.—J.B.

THE BEST BROWN BEARS read The Times, P. Bear and his friends love the best Brown Bear all the time.

MISS RICKY, 1975.—I love you intensely and passionately. Hope you got the roses. Wieder, ich liebe dich.

FOR MY GAY.—Every day I live I discover more and more. How impossible it is for me to live without you.—Love, Snoopy.

ROSES BE RED, violets be blue. If you don't behave, I'll clatter you. Murf, love you lots, kid.

MR KERR.—You're performing well at nearly forty and the bit that's working best is the bit that's naughty.—G.

CAROLE JOHNSTON.—How could anybody look as gorgeous and be as lovely as you are. With fond affection from ?

MARGARET, dearest. Always carry in your heart the knowledge of the infinite love for you in mine. —John.

LESLEY.—All my love and greetings until the end of time. For you to be so happy my lifelong Valentine.—Love, Ralbag.

TO YOU MY DEAR, something special to hear. With your blue eyes. I will love you evermore.

DARLING WIFEY.—Lots of love Hubby, Nicholas and Suella.

ANGELA.—Your blue eyes smile through Cumbrian clouds!—Love to you from 13C.

YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL to me. little one, and I love you very much.—From me.

EDWINA DARLING.—Is it goodbye after nigh 11 years of sincerity. Why do this to George.

BABY BUNTING.—I love you. Thank you for March 14th, a real love day.—A.F.—Hooray.

CHOO-CHOO.—You know how I feel about you. Missing you madly, so is E.—Paddy, Two-Step.

I LOVE MY HONEY, she's the best! Together at last. Kiss, kiss, kiss.—From your Hubby 5.

TO DELIGHTFUL, tatty miss from her ardent admirer, Pooh—and his paunch, of course.

JIGGLES.—So glad I married you. Love you lots an' lots.—Marmite Soldier.

MY DARLING LINDA.—Your help will help us all. I love you.—Steve.

JAN.—The sweetest song is the nightingale.—Rik.

THE BEST DECISION of my life, was to have you as my wife. So I'll give you a thrill, and say I love you Gill.

ANNE CHARLOTTE.—Love shouts as no sound—for you it knows no bound.—McCrum.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL Banker Love is . . . cuddling you, much love your bushy tailed valet.

OLIVIA B.—Chinese opera and Picadilly, rights/snores—weekend scores.—Love, Valentine.

GOLLUM.—Hissing Sid may eat Toads but Freebags eats only John-Paul Gollum.

JENNY JENNY JENNY Jenny Jenny Jenny, will you be my Valentine 'cos I love you so!

SKINNY-WINNIE.—Je ne connais pas l'orthographe, mais je sais que l'amour s'épelle Dominique. —Ju Ju Drops.

ALYMOUSEPIE.—You enchant me nicer magic simply can't be. Hugs and food and beauty too. Furry love I dote on you.

MY LOVE, your talks to keep Your patients fast asleep, Please wilt thou ardour take From me, for I'm awake.—G.OC.

VERONICA.—Marvellous to have you back. With so much love—Martyn.

A MAN'S HEART and a woman's. That is the crystal of peace. The slow hard jewel of trust.

BOUNCY TIGGER, be mine and sup on extract of malt and muffins. I love you. Possum.

MISS EARLY LEARNING. I'll wait. Twenty per cent is better than none. Love Peter Pan.

MR MOUSE is very happy now and loves you lots and lots—from an observant and grateful lion.

JILL my darling words fail but senses don't: cat cix and warm feet with Aml. Martin.

BAMBI. Sunshine and rain. Laughter and pain. Yes! All over again! All my love, Tony.

WENDY—My gorgeous tiger, with lots of love from your live in lover.

BUNNY RABBIT. May all your year be nothing but very large lettuce leaves. Yours T.B

PHISHI Joonam, bishtar as hamisheh dostat daram man mamanieh tu hastam.

CHIMNEYSWEEP. I remember Leopardstown. I just can't remember what came over me.

PUFFIN POOH we all love you, say Wombles (Biggles), Pippin, and —well you know who.

TO DAVE . . . yum yum pigs bum. I love my number one. Tee hee, kiss kiss. Ann.

ELNA—I love you just the same as ever while you become more beautiful each day.

PIGLET POOH what would I do without cuddles and bashings. Love you lots—Snugabug.

SNUGLY BUGLY.—Good luck for 11.3.81. Love and kisses, oodles of affection.—Winnie the Pooh.

MEIN KLEINER BAR.—Du bist alles was ich brauche und ich werde lieben dich für immer.—Deine Wildkatze.

A MON PSI PSI HUSBAND.—Mon arbre de vie, je veux rester la lumière, ton furnace.—Nourrisson Wheat Germ

THIS LAST YEAR indicates intertwining spaetz. The longer we are mates the better still it gets.

DEAREST WOMAN-HERO. What about a campaign for continued cave cuddles? P.S. who's eaten your dwarf?

LIZ.—Thanks for those cuddly memories in the dark, long live single beds!—Yours. Nick. XXX

MARGARET.—Some lines in The Times for a very special lady. With all my love.—B. XXXXX

ABBY Rwyh dy garu di Wyn.

BRUNO. — Ricordati di proprio stasoitimana dodici anni fa. Piu di ieri meno di domani.

SKWUDJ.—I don't know what to say. Words hardly help. Try to believe.—Love, T.

TO MY NIGHT OWLEE.—Despite impending bells and frequent smells, I love you madly.

JAN.—All my love today and every day.—Barry.

MANDY.—I love you for the fab person you are. You're the best. —Nick. XXX

HELEN.—Very lonely and always hungry! For what? For me I hope, on tube or in garden.—A.

POOHNESS.—I love you with a love that's true. Twice. Five gold stars awarded.—Nocorous.

H.B.—I love you very much. B.J. Don't worry the outings get shorter after the Head.

LINDA.—Comme tu est belle.—John.

HMW.—To the most wonderful woman in the world I love you, now and always.—SPL.

QUATSP loves Jaffacake, always has and always will, icy diplomat unfreeze.

EGG IN BED SPIDER to Doobey, '' will you B.S.B.D?'' • Burp!

MY DARLING DODD.—On our first Valentine's Day I send all my love to you, now and forever.

'' BULLET '' beware. Our seventh anniversary approaches. I love you.—David. J.J. too.

S. BEAR.—Can't afford this now—will there be a '' Times '' when we can? All love.—S. Bear.

'' BABE '' RUTH.—Thinking of you, take care.—Love. David.

JUST THESE THREE WORDS.—I love you!

ROSI my little cherub, what a wonderful year, de l'homme qui portrait l'anorak.—Jaune.

CARO.—What lies behind us and ahead of us are small things compared to that within us.—X

CAROLYN.—Ma ravissante je t'adore.

DEAR BUMBO. — Un message d'amore de mon tower de l'ivory. Love and kisses—Sniggles.

P.—From Francistown to Wandsworth. Love you more every year.—Ric.

MARY.—You are gorgeous, wonderful, delicious and Welsh.—With all my love. Mik. XXX.

C.—L.N.O.E. P.O.S.S.—J.

KATEY LITTLE ONE.—No matter what, you are number 1 to me. —Your heavy sentimental lover.

DONNIE.—Blubble blubble blubble. —I love you, see you tomorrow. —Roland.

JOZEFINA KAREGA.—Kiel esperanto mum nia kora amo verdu kaj floru!—Cia Valenteno.

PAPAGENA.—You are my target for tonight and always.—Papageno.

SUSAN.—I would be with you every day, were Durham not so far away. With love.—K. XXX

MARGARET.—The wait is almost over. All my loves goes to you today and always —Ian.

SCORPIO LOVES PISCES, pizzas and Paul. I don't mind you reading this over breakfast.

DEAR JACKIE.—A little lover goes a long way. This one is all yours today and always.

R. JEPRY.—The tough of your body, the warmth of your kiss are with me always.—N17.

JELLY PARTY LOVER.—Be the light in my logshed and may washrooms prosper. Love you. X Chuff.

KIM.—All my love today and always. You might just like being semi-detached!—Linda.

LOVE TO LEONIE and Brandee from Hairy Dago and long may the riding crop reign.

HELENA SARAH RACHEL.—I love you all equally. Oxford has a lot to answer for.—Siegmud.

JILL.—The number one crush in a schoolboy's eyes.

TO HER BORN a '' person that surpasses '' and changed by marriage to a '' close carriage '': You still surpass and I love you even closer.—CX.

CHRISTINA.—Together we are one, apart each is whole, our dream is our goal.—John.

HAMID.—'' Love you always.''—Elizabeth.

TO VALERIE MOUNTFORD.—Happy Valentine. I.L.Y.F.E. 413. Little words so very much.—Don?

DEAREST JANE.—Fondest love as ever forever.—Roger.

NEIL.—Thank you for a beautiful 1 year, 1 week and 1 day. I love you more than words can ever say.—Love Roni. XXX.

JFV.—Absence est à l'amour ce qu'est au feu le vent; il éteint le petit, allume le grand.

DARLING DOLPHIN.—Four more for a perfect one. Generally spare.

PETER.—1961 to forever. Anticipating next 20 years culinary delights. I love you.—Ann.

ANN.—Yours, yours, and always yours. My angel, total love.—S.

TRISH.—Who sent this masquerade? Open to persuasion, let's with affection, XXXX.—Backscrubber?

ROB.—Are you feeling blue? TLW. 42, 81, 66, anywhere. I will love you forever. XXXX.—Rob's.

TO DENISE.—Not just today but every day. Love.—Peter.

HER SOCKS are lime green, her midget is blue, there's no one like her, and I miss her, I do.

DO THEY have small cakes in Venice ? If not, they're in for a surprise soon.—Hogh !

LOVELY GAIL.—I adore everything about you. I would change only one thing—your address.—All my love, Doug.

SUSAN.—Par ce papyrus y a t il une astuce pour seduire encore plus que peut le faire faustus ? Je me gratte toujours plus mais ne trouve que des puces ! Je ne suis qu'on minus.—Nonesuce.

CHICOU, CHICOU, c'est moi ! Ca y est. J'ai le cheval. Comme convenu, je t'attends sous le vieux chene ! N'oublie pas encore tes chaussettes! A nou la vie liquide !—Ton Mec.

UNE ANNONCE PARRALLELE quoi de plus naturel un jour de fevrier mais pour un fin limier! Ne faites pas cette tete c'est bien sur votre fete.—Faubourg.

POSSUM.—We love you and your furry wicked ways.—The person and Thomas Pussy.

ALI.—My welfare hinged on the drama at Saleems. Now you are definitely my inspiration.—Mol.

HILARY HASLEM.—Darling. All My Love is yours forever. Be my Valentine. Trebor Knarf.

CLAIRE.—Whose care and attention keep me in the land of the living: My Undying Love.

K.K.—T Longship's Ready. Loov, we await favourable tide. 'Erbert' Ardrada.

WYN my SUGAR PLUM.—how can I proclaim my love of you ? See Song of Soloman 4, 1-14.

PIGGY LIND.—alias National Trust Nollie, you're very special—Vivat Cuddles ! Alf.

TWINKLETOES.—I think you are lovely. Can't wait till the year 2000.

PAUL—Loving you has made my life so beautiful. Thank you. Tolly. X X X

DARLING FUFU—I love a Billy in the Hilly with my lovely little Porker Good Luck Noo.

CHIN, darling I miss you, mak mak. I love you forever.—Tommy.

MIESELBURG.—Rhymes with nowt nor Valentine, so pomes are out.—Zumm from Band Int.

ALOYSIUS do you believe it?

LOOK in 902QR 30800 P 119.

SEE 1821.3QR 37845 31767 P 75.

D.—L'amour est à l'ame de celui qui Aime ce que l'ame est au corps qu'elle anime.—Plum.

DOP ATEE DOW, Chippychase. Only small but very bodfelin. Ever again my Valentine.—T.

LUCY.—I try to count the reasons why I love you, but I can't count that far.—Michael.

BABASUKI.—With all love and thanks for being so supportive.—Jean-Claud.

NEILLY POOS loves his Wendy Bear, despite the tombstones in her upper set!

CAROLINE.—Before you, love was a game, it's now a reality. A month lasted a month, it now lasts a day. I look forward to the next time your fur coat meets my pyjamas! Love and grrr.—Paul the Post.

SCLOB.—Thanks for putting up with me, can we start again, will you marry me.—Love. Rob.

MARLENE.—If you look under your pillow, you'll find a surprise.—Love, Martin.

GRUB.—I hope you know, that I love you, even if you are doing sociology.

ROO.—My trotters are yours forever. Oink, Oink.—Porker.

LOUISE.—I always preferred things slightly salted!

TO see her, was to love her, love but her, love for ever. Bav.—Luv, Stephen.

FOR A.B.S. without whom these last few years would have been so dull, many thanks and love.

MANDY.—Your secret admirer wishes to meet you at the Globe Theatre, 8 p.m., May 16th!

MAY your inflatables never let you down again, and your nose be forever squidgy.

JOHN JONES loves Carmel Jones, although she couldn't find last year's cryptic message.

ANDY.—Hot water bottles can be fun—especially fluffy ones! Try one tonight.—Lisa.

GERRIE.—Ik hou' van je.—Bri.

HELEN.—You make me feel young even if you talk too much, even though you can't be mine.

J.—A few trials, a little tribulation, and 27 years of much, much love. Thank you darling.—J.

DAWN.—It's been the most perfect seven months. I shall always love and look after you.

BRAIN.—The start of a new life together. Much love to you from your dearest Pooh;

YOUNG bear made in St. Louis, sells in Leamington. I love you. Poppa.

TIGERS never forget.

BIMMY.—Love is life stop. Life is you stop. My love won't stop.

FOR Claire, a million red roses and love.

LOVE you forever and forever, love you with all my heart.—Kisses.

K.—I will be with you in trust and love, for as long as always.—Jirafa.

HOLBY MOLLIE.—Thanks a million for 41 years of sheer delight and happiness, my darling.

LODGE.—Black stockings in exchange for breakfast, at The Savoy?—D.

PRINCESS JOYCE : The one and only for me.—Tom.

DAWN MOON.—I shan't forget the way we were.—Robbie. xxxxxx

ANGEL FINGERS.—Love is . . . not forgetting the witch hazel. It's behind the bed in the hall.

CUDDLING PANDA makes Giraffe happy. So, who needs zoology when you're in love?

WIKKEN.—I know you like it dark and steamy. For you my love is just unending.—Buggy.

TREASURE.—Luxembourg. page No. 5, line 18. Forever?—O.

WHAT care I for the scent of spring, or moon and stars above, for you are my environment, my paradise of love. To my softy love.—Bim.

TO La Monsieur Avec.—Le pulse extraordinairement low, from moi qui a les calf muscles enormes. Happy high days and Holidays in House No. 3.

BOOGS.—Someone in Kitzbuhel loves you. Who? Why? I do. Because you are you.—Nogs.

'' BILL ''.—My paintings of you, are the perfect expression of my timeless love —Grumpy.

I love you. I love you, I love you, I lovn you. I love you. I love you, I love you, forever.

DARLING Puffette, may the third phase bring unlimited happiness. L.J. adores A.P.

SN.—Sau saal pahle mujhe tumse pyar tha aaj bhi hai aur kal isse bhi zayada rahega.—J.N.

THIS Lion loves his romping Lioness, with his whole heart. Malcolm loves Maeve.

KAY.—Mon petit chou. We will soon be wed. Je t'aime.—Paul.

MARRYME.—Endlessly, lovingly, Orientally, votre Eeyore. Sweet Farley Pooh.

TO DAVID. All my love, Nikki.

MAGZIE POOH.—Through the hard times and soft moments, I love you more and more.—J-Bells.

MR T loves Mrs T.—Signed Mr T.

LOVERS' TIME, runs faster than the clock.

CHUBBY CHOPS.—I love you today and every day.—Cuddly Ant. XXX.

IRONA.—Every thought I think of you is one of increasing love. Your Valentine forever.

JANIE.—The all-seeing sun ne'er saw her match since first the world begun.—Robert.

POSHY PAWS.—You're no myth but you are a monster and my Valentine.—Love, Cuddles.

DEAREST MARGOT. — Whatever whenever, wherever, my love will never fade.—Erik.

DEAREST WUGGY.—I love you more than words can express . . . Always your Valentine.—Tom.

S.E.—I fell in love with you, lost you, before knowing you. I am sad.—J.

TO THE LADY of Abbotsford, keep me in your heart forever, sweet Caledonian enchantress.

FOR NOTHING this wide universe I call, save thou my spot, in it thou art my all.—B.

BOMBOLENNI, the blue eyed hedgepig, loves Boo Boo, his brown eyed treefrog. X.

TO MY DARLING LISA.—Everybody has a dream and mine is as. I'm missing you.

JAM SANDWICH girls are even more important than lucky rhubarb. Join me in the fight to preserve this irreplaceable species

DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR/needlework teacher sought by chief exec. with view to cohabitation, moral dilemmas and motor transport.

YOU'RE STILL FRANTASTIC—and I Love you more than ever. 2 Down-50 to go Lover, Smee.

SHEILA R.—To let you know I'm thinking of you every moment I Love you more than ever.

ARTHUR.—Love is all.—Ann.

KINS.—Die rosen sind blumen in mein hertz für dir.—Karl dir Grosse.

LITTLE T.—Flex those muscles soon please chandelier or wardrobe at an inn do ?—Himself.

GRUEZI, Bonjour and all my love to Sir Geoffrey's friend, once a gnome but now chicon.

SUE.—As each year goes so my love for you grows.—Derek.

O LITTLE ELEPHANT, may our French connection continue to blossom: my thoughts are daily '' stamped '' by your presence.

KIDZKEN.—What dreams are there without you today my love the S.O.D. tells me it's your day '' of sweethearts or matin of birds ''.—Fred.

NO KLEENEX could replace you as my valentine in Cap Ferrat Colombian forever shunted.

MY LOVE and my ooh my nonesuch even without the sun it's you Fred. I will spend all carnivals with.

JEAN PURDY.—I can't think of a silly witty little ditty but I know what I like about you. Love Pete.

IF HUN knew now what he knew then would not Old Grumpo be Attila the Hen ? Of course not.—The Everloving Bosch.

DEAREST DARLING LOVER.—HB all my love from afar. Dull embers glow constantly, awaiting firing by soft AVB.

CHICA: Di cen que somos dos locos de amor—y lo seguiran diciendo hasta que me muere. TQM CP.

IF NG + PC + AMST + 2M=happiness. Can us + the world + a lifetime= more, I love you. When will erson become erson.

T.—If I could weave fine words into a cloth
You could wear my cloth all year.
And know I love you.
But I cannot.
''It is not words could pay you what I ave.''
—Key.

GEORGE.—If its not too late how about back to persuade.

LINDA MARGARET FROST to you I give all my love, but every weekend—how ?

QUEEN & HUNTRESS, chaste and fair ? Comfort me with apples : For I am sick of love.—Wildly Tony.

RATTY my clover, strong handsome cared, etc ! I love you firkins.—Curly Piggy.

ALBERT.—Stay on your skates the ice is thin and we'll both fall through.—Alexis.

MISS WILSON, see you soon smootchy (this must get me a mention in your diary).

R.M.B.—How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love for delights ! D.J.B.

SCH.—Two birthdays and Valentines Day as well! All love from R.L.R., Sami and The Gang.

WINKLE.—Darling, my one and only Valentine.—R.L. the Plumber.

BABE.—You're so pretty to me, like a Spanish city to me, I like Dire Straits, but I love you.—Jeannie.

RAT.—Mackers cannot hold a candle to your recent form. Long may it continue.—A.

HAPPY Valentines Day Darling, for you and Queen of the fairies, from your freakish lover.

H.J.H. is counting on H.J. the Mathematical Micro-Chip. Patent applied for.

MY LAMB.—All my best love, happy Valentines Day —The Old Goat.

SALLY.—A red rose, satin dress, smile and loving caress. Love continues undiminished.—A.R.F.

RABBIT Rabbit, the culture vulture, loves having her ears kissed by me.

ALL my love, now and always, to the most beautiful bear in the world.—H.

ANDY.—For lo the winter is past, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.—Chris.

BLUE-EYED Pin Man.—Roses speak many languages, and even with no Kamil, Asniteru.—Shorty.

DEAR Romie. Colling mawr it must have a quality fine as feathers (but then 'tis not what is but what can be). Be my Valentine, love, B.G.

YES Sweetie, I do, and don't ask me if it's true, for biscuits are crunchy, chocolates are munchy, and my love for you, will come all in a bunchy today.—Thing.

HELLO you, it's me, pest. The one with the wink. Ich liebe dich. Be my Valentine, though my feet are a long way away.—You.

MOUSE.—'' . . . . ''. This year, I just can't think what to put. Except, of course, that rodent experiments should continue, for ever.—Love, Rat.

ROSES may be red, violets can be blue, could you be my Valentine? Leo Ken Soo. The Flower Man.

SOUS le pont mirabeau coule la seine, et nos amours, les mains dans les mains restons face a face landis que sous.—For Wendy from Emmott.

MUNGER.—My love, but XXI yrs young since Cupid's darts my heart have stung. Since Pules & Fudge by me are thine, please always stay my Valentine.

I too have wished not to love that I might escape loves agony, but now after much appraisement, I willingly accept loves agony.

SWEETYPIE.—When dearest I but think of thee, methinks all things that lovely be are present, and my soul delighted. Love from Terpy, your Valentine.

LUCINDA.—Do resolve today, there is time for work & play, tools away and tidy up. Lets show coupling is more fun than couplets.

DARLING Nell.—'' See how she leans her cheek upon her hand! O, that I were a glove upon that hand, that I might touch that cheek.''—David.

HUGLETTE.—Only a little while now ere our gondola embarks. Fly swiftly, time! All my love, o small and joyous one.—Hugiot.

TIGER TWO.—I do love you with all, with all my heart. At Easter I will marry you and will love you more with each beat of my heart.

BRENDA.—M.D.A.C., now that I have found you I am not going to let you go, forever yours and you mine.—Your own Moonshine.

SPROUTING CABBAGE. — Loved you before, but then you grew some, now, love you more, my Valentine, twosome.—Fink.

LIFE is easier to take than you'd think, all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable.—'' I love you.''

MAMAD my first and everlasting love it is our continuous friendship that will mean the most to me—I love you.—M.

LOOKING FOR YOU is my life if you could but know this zero though my chances seem.—To the Flower from the Bee.

MARGARET, my wife, my friend, my life, my sweet, my dove, is Michael's love.

TO MY DARLING JANE B. Thus I do pen those inspired thoughts: for you I live, for your love is life. You are my love.

MY DEAREST ROSE, if I can find words to say, I do believe you'd blush, so I'll just say now stay with me, there is no need to rush. Paul.

EARWIG—The sun itself which makes times as they pass, is older by a year now, than it was when you and I first one another saw.

DEAR IRVING WASHINGTON, I yearn for you tragically. Love from Plum and Adorable.

TRUDY H.—Your butler loves you. There will always be a place for you in my heart.

LIZ V.—Lots of love and kisses from your corrupt but slightly shy admirer.

AMY—For putting up with our frequent moves and my bad habits, for your constant desire to please, and for gen. principles, I love you—Jim.

INEZ—A day I'll never forget. much love D.

BY RIVERSIDE does J.E.P. Nightly consign to Posterity, Opera Firenze, Femina Lampoda. Will it be a PhD ? Truly yours, J.C.P.

FROM A TEDDELL, to a Teddell. There is no doubt—you are the reason and the life. Thank you for our family, and our home. I love you always. Me (and F. F. K. D. and F).

MEERCATS need to feel warm in winter—lots of hot love soon darling.

RICKY.—You're the wop that I want, all my love.—F.

MIDNIGHT BLUE is for you, with all my love for always.

OLIVETTI.—I love you madly. It's lonely without you in Xtasea.

SJW.—Hall girl, lots of love from the redbrick monstrosity.

TO MY DARLING BABY, roll on July 4th, all my love Sue X X X.

NEEN.—Always adorable and absolutely A1, Jiy and Dy.—P.

ROBIN LOVES SUE.—Looking forward to 6th June 1981 !

JONI.—Kisses on a sunkissed beach this summer, I love you.—Micky.

TO ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba -Barbara from Pinn and him.

I LOVE YOU my rose of Sharon.

SLOB.—I love you despite the lures of the dreaded computor. Slobbit and baby Crobe.

FRED.—Lots of Bananas.

BALDO loves Christopher XOX.

WORDS cannot say enough for me the feelings that I feel for thee known more forbear than my poetry.

CHIVALROUS GREETINGS from the Knight Man of Hambledon to the Lady at Oakleigh.

VB.—There's a lifetime of bridges still to cross, I'd love to cross them with you.—DDD.

NORTHUMBERLAND express, first class. All the way, not much luggage. Let's go.

ROSALIND.—Your beauty astounds your eyes sparkle like the jewel you are, forever a star.

BIG D.—Love you always, miss you all ways. Come home safely. —Your W.W.G.

ANN SHEPHERD.—Who loves you most of all? I will see you on the 26th.

SUE.—Better than a birthday present. Love you always.—John.

HILARY my one and only. Please come away with me soon.

ROSS.—Love you forever after breakfast.—Jean.

TO SUE.—With all love from the Radleian oarsman.

S.—Here's looking forward to forever together, may this year be very special . . .—James.

RADLING.—My proud lion, my H.H., my W.B. Be my Valentine too. IOU.—Your PV.

REIKO.—Energy crisis in Milano. Gigolos out of work. Japanese imports required urgently. Is it really like soy sauce? Love you deeply.—Dick.

JACKIE MY DARLING.—I love you so much it hurts, and I want the whole world to know about it. Also thank you again for giving me my son Craig. So, will you be my Valentine for ever and a day?—Ronnie.

TICK-TOCK loves Poo, you are My Valentine, baby, today and every day.—Little Sweetheart.

WENDY.—The day we met our lives changed. The day we parted our lives were intertwined. The day we shall meet again; forever, our life will be eternal love. Remember Cornwall. How could we ever miss it. Thank you for who you are, darling.—Dieter.

GERVETTE.—A fix a day keeps normal O.K.—Love, Gerome The Gnome.

MARK.—Bet you don't think of this, best love anyway.—Julie.

MY Darling Tobias Gnome, Pilchet Senior, Junior III, by appointment. Always and evermore.—D.M.L.

JOY, with the black VW car. You are definitely by far, my fairest and brightest star.

NO No. a thrice times yes. Pog and Betel send salutations and I think you're cute.

TO My Loveable Porker Talker, Owner of Cumf, Pig & the rest, stay here in Piglet's nest.

LINDA.—D'arcs, a no way you gonna a know who dis a from 'sept I gotta Flat, he dona go far.

ANN.—Ogenki desu ka? Itsumademo ai suru. Honto desu yo.—B.W.

A.—I still love you, even after all these years !—P.

BRYANNA.—You are the centre of my world. I adore you, life with you is joy.—Philip.

JULIE, R.—'' You're in my heart.'' Think of me and try not to laugh I love you.—John.

C.—Sweet nothings for too long? Look for a sweet something close to my heart.—C.

DEAREST CARO.—Of our big celebrations in 1981, the first of June has precedence. I love you and thank you with all my heart.

FIRST IS FOREVER, remember, whatever the future or past, and memories are eternal, may my first love be my last.

THESE PAST TWELVE MONTHS we've been together, let's drop an H and live forever. P.S. No little dogs allowed in Fulham.

'TIS SAID Lindy's are red, but Paula's are mauve. Now all '' Times '' readers know about headscarves in Hove !

GINGE.—You will just have to accept me for what I am—wild about you (Courtesy—Snoopy).

HELEN.—I never knew it was possible to be so happy. I love you.—Charles.

SINGY WINDGY loves Cinthy Winthy.

HEATHER.—Where'er I roam, whatever realms to see, my heart unravel'd fondly turns to thee. —Love, Doug.

EBBIE.—It's much nicer to find a message for yourself, this one is for you, I love you.

SUSAN COWLING you are the most beautiful woman in the world. My love forever.—Bill.

PERFECTION personified. — Want to be an Easter Bunny as well? —(Love) Bechive!

MERRY ANDREW.—Dearest Merry Andrew today tomorrow, why not forever?—Walter.

TO ALL at 197 and 135 in Oxford. Nikki, Clare, Carolyn, George. God bless you all.

TO C who has given me such happiness since we met a year ago in Newport Pagnell.

SARAH.—Thanks for being tolerant and punching me on the nose.—All my love, U.J.

RABBIT of my heart, doe of my dreams, come share my burrow. —Buck.

NO MATTER what I say or do, you know deep down I'll always love you. And on this very special day. What more can I say. I love you.

BY DAY you are the only sun in my sky, my radiant moon by night.—Retep.

LOVE FROM LION TO HORSE who is between the devil and deep blue sea.

TE AMO TANTO Corneilio Blanco —Sempre—Sempre. J.

MUSI—Remember the snowdrops in Wales. All my love for always, Umpa & Megga Umps—Toti.

JELLO BEAR. Happy Valentines day. I love you and miss you very much.

OH HAPPY DAY VLGS & WUHDIA WUHDIA WUHDIAZZIES—I love you so very much YG. . . . OLOJTSIVSDW.

TO MY DARLING ELLEN—For three and a half years I have loved and I will forever.

SLEEP ON MY SHOULDER anytime cuddles are to be encouraged can anything come between us

DEAREST PRU: You are still as beautiful. I love you dearly. Be there always. xxx R.

FETLOCKS.—P. 121 11 & 12. I'll love you forever so long as you don't lean back on my microfronic.

LIZZIE MY LOVE when St Valentine comes can St George be far behind ? Not likely. xxx H.

ELIZABETH BROWNING with all love from your husband, Nigel, xxxxxx.

HOB HOB DIVINE POL PARROTT, Your pecks they drive me all besott. Love you Pash. EEE.

HATTY my love for you will live on long after we part Love and P.S. The Meat's great !

SKIBLY PONIES must stay in the hurd. Hingy's love is for Chipf is forever for always.

SARA STOREY: Ce n'est pas du sarcasme, ce n'est que seulement je t'aime !

JEDDA.—You may think me right mad and insane but I shall admire you for ever.—Derek.

SANDRA.—The words I need to say are on selection 133, the second time is the best.

TERESI (CHOCOLAT).—Surprised to find your name here ? Jo T' adore—that's all.

L/CPL. WAKE B., thinks Pte Tompkins, M.L.L., is mushi stark.

D. M.—You prove Shakespeare's sonnet cxxx wrong—though it does rhyme ! Missing you.

ALAN M-D., my darling instant sweet sunshine. Love you—forever your Princess S, xxxxx.

PAUL.—Could this message be for you ? One small word will be your clue, Nossop !

REBBIE-HEARN (I love you), George and Cyril get housed today, yes ?

PETER.—I'll love you forever—couldn't love you more.—A.

BARBARA.—So far, but so near. I'll think of you from 1st to 18th. Love you on 21st.—Colyn.

LADDAWAN, Happy Valentine from those who love you, Jennifer, Sandy and Paul.

REBECCA.—You will always be beautiful, kind and creative and strong. No person and no ill will ever defeat you. I love you.—Michael.

L PINCHIE PINCHIE tickle tickle, lots and lots and much much more.—Slipper Nicker.

CALLAS in the closet, Lutyens in the lounge, Bonets for our banquets.—Wooly Yormabow.

DARLYPOPS.—Love, kisses, roses and boxes of chocolates, from your hubby.

TO V.E. in reciprocation: cuddly bodies grow more huggable with age, love from H.M.

POOPLEBLOSSOM.—My hearts are in the right place, you'll see. I love you. Earthworm !

FLOYD ban calor gas burners. Save your ears for me, I love you. your best friend, Trotsky.

FROM A BEAR of very little brain at St Albans. Love and a cuddle to Miss Piggy.

PAMELA.—No doubt this is the real thing. Lots and lots of love. Paul.

DAVID.—With the days since we were last together growing into weeks and months my love for you grows ever stronger. Be mine again. My love for you will never die. Mike.

TO MY DARLING Thunder Thighs —let me rub your nose forever. —All my love—Polar Bear.

MICK PIERCE loves Jean Pierce.

E.P. ''kiss me ''. H.A.

I SPY a delicious undercover beauty. I love you. Sally Jane Drunnel. Kiss you. James.

LINDA.—Your green tracksuit and rollers won't stop me loving you. Don't you know? DaveG.X.

NICHOLAS.—Whenever you need me I'll be there 84 Cashmere Kisses, your little spanner.

BELOVED Margaret, let us love each other. Love comes from God, since God is love. Andrew.

DISTANT—but within the impenetrable depths of my mind rages a manic uncontrollable love for you, my darling Angola. So often I want to reach out, to love you, to be loved by you. Invariably I fail. Please help me. I need you so very much.—All my love, David.

ESMERALDA. Can you doubt me now ? How small a part of time they share that are so wondrous sweet and fair.—Be mine

OYEZ ! OYEZ ! OYEZ ! Married to Dr Charles Markus every day is Valentine's Day.

DARLING TIMMY, Whatever you do and wherever you go. I'll always love you. Wonky eyes.

HER eyes, how they do shine, her beauty that is so fine, be my special Valentine.—H.S.

LORRAINE: Huggle Huggle.. Roll on 1982. Patience makes the heart fondest.—Huggle Huggle.

AZUM. Nearly five years and our life together is very solid. Much love. Tubby Hubby.

701 HAMMER. Horror heroines would not excite me to such delectable desires as you do.

TO A Hippo from a hamster: too much water is bad for rodents. —Love you madly.

MAUD, Come into the garden: I've got Jilly Cooper's new Penguin for you.—Love, Alf.

NIGEL is not sending any Valentines this year. He is sending instead Jilly Cooper's new Penguin THE BRITISH IN LOVE.

ARAMINTA: Words fail me. All I could ever say is in Jilly Cooper's THE BRITISH IN LOVE.—For ever yours, Penguin.

ROSES wither, daffs go brown, A Penguin never lets you down. Especially Jilly Cooper's THE BRITISH IN LOVE.

GODDESS MARIE is adored by her demon.

COLIN.—All I need is the air that you breathe the lust to love you.—Pipi.

CHEWBEAR. — Chewtoechewknee: chewedltchewbaddamchewbestchew knose.—Booface.

SARAH.—Sedge still unwithered.—Love, Frog Prince.

MARIANNE.—No fun but still care. Love, A.

TORTOISE loves Brown Eyes. Thinking of you.—M.

DOMENICO.—See you in the cocktail bar at 7.00.—Tigga. PS you're paying.

DEAREST HARVEY AND PETE.—Thrilled about our menage a trois! With love (for at least three years).—Pamela.

ANGEL.—How do we surpass the last 6 months.—Yours as ever. a sheepish hunk.

IF IT'S WEIRD it must be it.—It is!—Love.. Andrea.

SHEENA.—I.L.Y.—A. Radley XXXX

FACE ACHE.—Many thanks for all your kindness, generosity and help.—Vomitsville, Arizona.

WHILST GEORGE V and roses are rare. Our love will shortly take to the air. In flight you'll see that I care madly. To Fairoks Sue —I'll take you gladly.

ANGIE DARLING.—I love you so much, that '' one day. '' cannot come quick enough!!—Love. Pete. X

ROGER ANNA. '' Brave New World.''

ALL MY LOVE sweet Valentine To me you're known as Jacqueline.—From your ever loving Dovey.

IWAN YANG paling lia sayangi. sayang. saya harap kamu tau seginiana besarnya arti diri kamu untuk saya ya. yang Saya sayang kamu sekali dan saya mau selalu bisa begitu. Iwan. hanya kamu. harapan. saya dan saya janji diri saya ini hanya untuk kamu selamanya. Iwan, cinta kamu Lia.

TO ROK YOK NIC, it mak me hin An alk nik lok. It mak me tic. Eve-lly Poe lok dul.

FROM AN UPTOWN uptempo woman to a downtown downbeat guy. All my love. Hippo, rule. OK.

D.—I love you anyways. all ways and for always.—S.

LUCY.—Thank you for all the happiness you bring. I am hooked for life.—Love, Bruce.

NINA.—A fool may rush in, but he gets the best seats.

LEONARD.—Loving you is easier than anything I'll ever do again. All my love always.—Ria.

PC.—I love you. dirty oven and all.—D

CATHIE.—I love you.—Martin.

SPECIAL OFFER. Today only. Lanson at Derek's. A wild lot of love and solatium.

HONEYBEE.—You transformed my world. I love you and thank you. All my love.—Bunnybee.

FROM PREBSY to my Stockbrokette. Let's say goodbye in Menelaeus. My citadel (and ring) awaits.—Cuddles Oslo Fats

MILES may part us but there is a power divine that cannot let me rue the day I wed you Donna dear, my lovely Valentine.

HOW CAN I INTERFACE with our conarticipant situation when my squeaker wears striped jim jams. —Love Doormouse. X

D.—I shall always love you.—Stew

DOLLY CHOPS I love you 6x5 secrition ... tons times n to the power of 213. Jumbo.

BUMPKINS.—Love, Boodles.

ADRIFT in the matrimonial sea: the twit who woos you entreats you to come down from the crow's nest and be feline mice. There's a fiver in it and the honey you gave me for Christmas if you do. This advertisement is placed on behalf of the Society for the Entertainment of Very Scratchy Owls.

PIGLET, PIGLET, lovely swine, remain, remain, my Valentine. Every day I love you more—many loving grunts from boar.

VAL: Love you lots (how much is lots ?). I'll have the same as you. Trevor & Wirkle. XX.

JOANNE. May our love sustain us through the turbulence to bring peace and fulfilment forever in our soul. Michael.

I WANTED TO SAY your great so I put it in The Times to the best P.R. lady in town. Happy Valentines Day.

AMANDA JAYNE, the mother of James, the most beautiful queen of Harrowdene I give you my love, my life. Chris.

TO DAIREST FI lith wovo land ust. Crow osmords Bill our wassion pust. Balliahtfully fring rof meing a swordbith.

PAMELA JEAN.—Kosher kisses arousing be, even when not on bended knee, and with great respect. I love you.

DARLING DOROTHY, you have brought miraculous beauty into the life of mister York. Please be his Valentine.

HELLO, NUMBER ONE ! Today we don't mind if you read the papers. With love from big bear, corncob and hubcap.

MAGIC FLUTE, my dream Byrd, you Ravel passions Haydn in me I haven't felt Fauré long Weill; come Bach to Britten an we'll Pleyel those duets in eternal Bliss. Bleib treu XXX dein piggy on the fiddle.

DEAR SUGAR RAY. Roses are red, elephants are grey, from the boy in blue, love and best wishes today.

LOWRI DARLING miss you badly, the prince of passion loves you madly. Not Walter Pan nor Peter Mitty, who was it who wrote this ditty ?

TO THE BEST in the world. Tons of love. Jakarta.

FROM BILLBEE to Teenbee his trouble and strife. You'll always be an important part of my life. X. XXXX. XXX.

KAREN.—Life & love without U would be an empty shell. I love you. Happy Valentine.—L.P.O.

SAMUEL WHISKERS, Mr. P., and me send Baynards girls and theo a Valentine for all to see!

A love once lost is a love never to regain, but the flame you once lit shall always remain.

HELGA.—Niemand aber dich meine schatz.—Der Maerzhase.

MUSCH, Schatz—Du bist min. Ih bin din: Des solt dû gewis sîn. Dû bist beslozzen in minem herzen verlorn ist daz slüzzelîn: Du muost immer drinne sîn.

SHARONA.—Impatiently making increasingly desperate plans for your abduction!—Kevin.

JONATHAN.—I want you, just drown me with your love, always. I love you.

TOADY.—You had better love me or you are in big trouble. I love you.—B.F.L.

CREECH with those pale green eyes and chubby cheeks I love you with all my heart.—Possum.

TO Charlie, our darling, thanks for a lovely year; from Old Goat and 3 Furries.

TO Jo.—More dearly, sincerely, than words can impart, for darling I love you with all of my heart.—Dunes.

JULIA.—You are the most beautiful girl in the world. Be my love, for ever.—Michael.

MRS. PING.—My only love: Dragons & Horses. O.K ?—Mr. Ping.

ROGER.—I hope you always love and want me the way I love and always want you.—Shirley

LEIGH (the lady in black). I'd love to bump into you on the ski slope—A Griffin.

1. YOUR crossword still can gel; 2. This clue—bottle has message. 3. Of love for Monster, its you !

THE CURLY GIRL at thirty-five gives me the chance to feel alive.

MARY —Back in England, I love you still more. Thanks for the year just gone.—Rob.

NICOL.—A dream come true when we danced we two. The night away in loving bliss. Here's hoping that the love is true. Don't say it with flowers just a kiss. I love you Tim.

TO ELIZABETH with love from R. George of course.

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MY CHOCKY-MONSTER Valentine, Bluebell-Wood and Beehives ? ? Even oceans cannot divide us.

DEAR BUTTS, Mine ? Please be my Valentine.—Plum.

UNROMANTIC ? Discount kisses ? Only good reply to this is: Infinitely Hubs Loves Missus.

A LE TRE another letter to The Times this one they will print. Can you read it Tu M'ami A.

TING.—Can't give you silver pig tusks, won't ever give you sanguines on toast, but I'll bring you some tea and me and me, and I hope that's what you would like most.

TO Anna Thea. Having babies robbing banks, picking daisies, and concocting pranks! I bring my love.

ODE to a Cuddly Snooky Bear: '' And I will love you still my dear, till all the seas gang dry.'' Love you lots —Scooter.

SQUEEZY SQUIFFY SQUIRREL.—Loves his pink, white and fluffy, adorable Dormouse.

CHRISSY.—You are very special thanks for being wonderful. lots of love —Steffy.

FLOPSY EARS loves Cottontail, on the occasion of their new burrow.

TO Darling Silager, thank you for all your love, the food, and the flea collar —Yours, Wilfred.

HERE is a note in The Times. Please be well informed. A message between the lines.

BALLINA BEGUM.—This vegetable love should grow vaster than empires and more slow.—Elson.

TO Tim, I get merry on Tugboat. from your adoring 2nd Brewer, Mitch.

TO Kate climbing Kilimanjaro would be impossible without you. Love, Kelvin

GOLDIE HAWN is an actress because models are now an endangered species.—Love, Foxy.

CLARE.—Together, lifetime afterlifetime. I love you —Nat.

SUSAN.—'' Platitudes are wonderful—so is your bathroom.'' Hungry Heart.

WASTER he was, yet by his words you are seduced, and plight your eyes at words the relics of a long vanished mind, Baudelaire. I curse your birth, return to me my wife.

S.M.R.—A double celebration is yours today. My thoughts are with you All my love.—D.J.M.

L.C.S.—Can miles truly separate you from friends? If you want to be with someone you love, aren't you already there?—S.P.W

BRIGHTEYES.—My Tigress, I love you more than I can ever tell. Your hunter.—A.M.E.J.D.

HAPPY anniversary darling, despite stormy seas, lets push the boat out together, leaks and all. I love you —Simbad.

KATY.—Beautiful. I love you.—C

GIRL Deserves Reward. Man Ready Result. Practical Fulfilment. Pure Joy Love and Bliss.

TO Josephine and Junior, with all my love. Soon we will be together again.—David.

DEAREST C.R.—Thank you for squeezing me into your diary tonight. All my love, sissy.—M.B.

CAROL.—A summons to court, possibly a trial, a plea, hopefully ending fine!—Groucho.

PERSON.—I love you even more. Corny, but factual —Other person.

HIYA KID. Marriage is cool, you're hooney and you're stuck with me for eternity—your little monster

DISTRACTING lovely princess ... je t'aime à la folie and I am, so very much your admirer.

POFFERTJES are thin on the ground in Berlin but love is strong ... —BWEL

MARY.—Love can grow even when bent or broken, ... so is you my love, my love I send—Al

MARJIE I'm in love with you. ... I'm in ... around the wonder ... How well I do behave.

USELESS WORDS ... Silence often ... much more than ... what's been said before. To V A. from H.C.S.

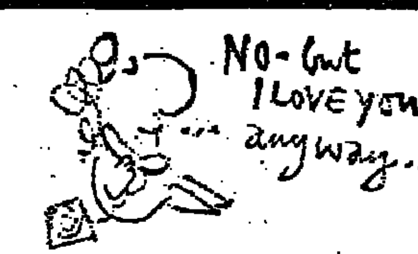
C.C. My dearest darling ... I know our future is ... if we ... ISBN 0 7156 1057 5 131 19.

SUE AND ... I love you both ... let me ... you from the wicked ...

S. THERE'S ALWAYS ... As ... heaven sent ... Your S.

Is that you dear?

Valentine's Day Messages



STEWART
So I am here in Africa.
To India you'll fly.
Please don't get our dates crossed;
Or this will be goodbye!
Miss you: all my love
CAROLINE

POBBLES.—Thanks for Yattendon (38)—Remember go hang yourself—(37)—Shaggy Dog (PO).

CELLIST.—Think of me today as I think of you every day, with all my love, Landlord M.

LEIGH ANN.—You're the loveliest girl in Colorado. You read it in The Times so it must be true!—Love, John.

CORNWALL, September, 1980. Happy Valentine's Day to the girl with the foreign-sounding name.

YOUR LIPS say no, no; But it's yes, yes in your eyes; I've been missing your kissing; Just because I wasn't wise.

RITA:—Tha gaol agam ort M'fheudail. An h-uile latha sona dhuibh gun aon latha dona dhuibh.—John.

BARBARA.—Here is to the summer, To the warmth and the surf and the stars. And to times more beautiful still.

A.W.W. — I.S.Y.A.M. L.O.V.D.—C.E.B.

VALDA.—What shall I do when you have no odd-jobs? Ignored but not yet rejected, I still can hope.—Handyman.

TO MY DARLING Porker-Snorker, Vivicuddles, love and despicable rattiness from Fat Pugsley. Nice bit of beef!

MY MOST WONDERFUL JANE.—Another "first" I am looking forward to our next "first" in June. All my love.—Glyn.

GILL. All my love and lots of bacon sandwiches for always. I'm happy when you are.—Oliver.

CATHY. My love, my Niagara divine when home from Brazil Please say you'll be mine.

SHONAGH DARLING. Morbid sometimes—miss you constantly but love you for ever. Do come soon.

KATIE. Jam and pastry disguise lead to the knave's heart but the real you will do.—A.

SHEILA. Cheveux d'or rouge, comme vous etes belle dans mes reves. Tout loose (EE).

GRETCHEN. — I love you every day, but I don't always tell you. Lozlieffy.

DAPHNE. Our love is still as great as it has ever been. Let's keep it that way.—Don.

PIGLET.—The more it grows Tiddeley pom, the more it goes on growing. Pooh loves you.—M4.

DARLING my fig-nose. Peaches and Strawberries will love you and your baby forever.

EDNA.—I'd buy The Times for you.

HOODY Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody Hoody.—I love you.

HATS, Lydia.—To the most beautiful girl in the world. Love you always.—Phil.

KATHY, my beautiful PN, how much longer must I wait? Time is running out. Love forever.

TO A primary lady from a secondary friend, "go hang yourself."

GROTBAG. — Happy toadflaxing Valentine's Day.—Love.

TO ALISON JANE.—Does Alison want to hold my hand?—Sixpence Rhubarb and Trouble.

BEAU let mutual love be ours and two faithful hearts our bowers let virtue like the ivy twine and mine be thine and thine be mine.—Love C.

URSULA— Poorer but happier.

MY DARLING DRUSIE.—All my love to you and the little dog. Your adoring Fritz.

EVEN if George is contrary, I will always love you my Angel, now and forever.

TERESA.—Experto crede, amor vincit omnia. I feel powerless, I love you? xxxx. Stuart.

TALL, fair, brave and beautiful C. Thank you for 15 happy years, love you more than ever. R.

JONATHON loves Clorissa. I love you, forever. Will you? Manhattan Skies teach math.

SKIING WAS FUN until I discovered J.I.L.!—Big kiss—S.A.H.

PETRA.—The dearest remembrance will still be the last, our sweetest the first kiss of love. H.

JANE SMITH.—I love you! Nunc scio quid sit amor. X-100°C.

THE BEAGLE loves Addin, for now our love is fully fledged and will not ever die.

A THOUSAND KISSES buys my heart from me; and pay them at thy leisure one by one.

PRINCESSE, what a unique way to proclaim my love for you in my own language: Ik houd van jou.

KRISTIN.—See Goethe's letter of 4.8.1783 to Charlotte von Stein. Ich habe dich so schrecklich lieb. Love. R.

F. GIANT PRUNE adores ducks and roses but loves you more through and beyond twenty six days and so many miles. A.

MIG.—The hole in your head, the rot in your gut and your overdraft still make me love you.—Words.—Bunny Hunch xxx.

HELEN SHAW.—You are divine. Paradise from Palestine, be my Kosher Valentine.

WHITE RABBITS make the best [illegible]

A MESSAGE to my Valentine. Discovered in the final line, I love you and I always will. But now I have to wait until. You will agree to set a date. My most adorable, sweet, Kate.

GED.—Thanks for everything in the past. Sorry for the mistake. Be with you soon to put things right. Love XXX.

SALLY darling, gorgeous bird. In my thoughts every day. Big hugs and things. Autumn not long away. Keep warm and beautiful and smiling.

HAJRA, you have forsworn to love, and in that vow do I live dead that live to tell it now. . . . Omur.

SIR F. DUCK.—Whatever they say behind our Bax, this Byrd Wood like to say she loves you Moeran more.—"Labia."

T.—We follow-though his ways are hard and steep. You are my joy.—A.

SPARKLE-TOOTH.—"I adore you more than ever."—Orangubartang.

JO DARLING. The sun has got his hat on hip hip hooray. Love you more than ever and bit more today. Cor D.H.F.Y.

NOT TOO LONG NOW, dearest crumb, then always together. Keep everything warm. Pooh.

EACH DAY we are separated is a day lost. The miles keep us too far apart. Sir John in Stamford is a welcome lost. My love for you is for ever in my heart.

ASMA, I will love you for ever Jean and will wait until you return to me. Remember the Book of Life is brief. Love from your best friend Reza.

TO MY RED, RED ROSE.—"I will come again my dear, tho' it is five thousand mile."—Love you (TATSGDMD)—HMD.

MARIE.—Every time I see you I love you a little more. Think how much I'll love you when I'm 94.—G.

DEAREST SUS, gentle and kind: So much do I need your love. Please tell me that you love me, as I love you.—B.

DI.—The Obiah man is not dead. The obiah man will prove my love II you grows strong.

BEANIE.—I love you. Keith. Love to mummy from Thomas and William.

HILARY.—Last year did the trick, so this time I just want to tell the world I love you.

TONY, you are more tasty than Coca Cola, and more fun than Space Invaders. I love you.—M.

TO P. BEAR.—Here is too many more marmalade sandwiches. Tk hou van jou. L.O.L. Sheep.

SYCAMORE, the password for happiness, sealed in silver for this world and through your love for eternity! Preservation orders for this rarest of species registered for ever.

MISS BEAR.—All our love forever from Mr. Bear, the Bear cub and Russell Bear.—Oxo.

BUNCH.—Let's rekindle and feel the warmth and sun again. I'll build the nest for love. Adoration and forever.

SARAH.—To the breadth and depth my soul can reach.—C.J.

SNUGGLED down in Thistledown. Sheen, Florag, Weeney and Me.

PEANUT BUTTER loves Fanny Trimbush, but does Fanny Trimbush love Peanut Butter?

DOC.—Marcello, Mark, marriage? On this and every day I love you and I hope for us.

LIZ.—As fair art thou my bonie lass so deep in love am I and I will love thee still my dear till a'the seas gang dry.—B.

GILL BARRETT.—Love you madly and want you to be mine forever. Kissy, kissy.—Bob Meare.

SALAMIS.—How deep our love has grown and will grow, 'til we give each other all.—Eleni.

I SOMETIMES THINK that never blows so red the rose as where my love one she does tread. Cannot afford second line.

RUTHIE M.—I cannot describe my thanks to you. What would I have done without you. Here's to the future. I love you. XX. J.B.

HELENA YOUNGMAN.—I love you with all my heart, liver and onions.

WHEN ITS YOUR TURN to buy a tape get Manilow's new L.P. Side one, track four says it all.

DEAREST EVE, you are my life, I love you, like you and need you always.—Love Pestiferous.

STEPHEN.—I do love you and now the world knows. Don't cry too much at Butterfly.—Stuart.

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU KID.—All my love, always.—The Whale.

WOULDGIE.—You are the light of my life and my best treasure.—Tony.

XANDER, I love you and I have been waiting for 5 years. Be my Valentine and marry me soon.—Ben.

ZILLAH—Bruce Springsteen's The River, track 3, side 4, is all for you.—Chris.

BARBARA.—The 1,968 days since we first met will make you the best Valentine yet. XXX.

SUKI.—Needing to live in Portugal, is no real weakness, at all.

SQUIDGER.—I love you and I hope, that you love me too.

SUE STEWARD.—Please will you be my Valentine?—Love, as ever, T.

YOUR toast broke my tooth: You [illegible]

LES, love you more than the Orient, Gene Vincent or Marmite.—Gengis Khan.

SNOWBEAR, looking forward to the mountains.

DEAR darling Woo, to say I love you, on our fourth Valentine's Day.

EAST is east West is west the Chinook's great but bottoms best.

YOU may be in London but SRK loves you so much he just can't drop his aitch(es)!sx

EVERY moment apart is a moment too long, every moment together rights that wrong.—JNF.

CLASSICAL it may not be, but I love you S in CCC, and when you're a one with me!

WIGLET, All my love forever and two days. I adore you.—Your Honeybunch.

HELLOW little jogger! xx 2009 days of bedded wisel Winston. Bugsy & I do now!

CHRISTINE, dwaling, I wuv oo tho mwuch. Happy New Year. Long live questions 1 and 2.

DIANE, I'm no longer just after what I can get. You can't beat the best.—Steve.

SEND YOU HOT KISSES from the desert of Arabia and in exchange expecting sweet smile from you.

+ GOING DOWNWARDS leads - going upwards at 583 against 416. Every number a reminder of the love and beauty you have brought to my life.—All my love, Tanuki.

FOR ROWENA.—I love you and I'm sorry I can't be with you today.—All my love, Kevin.

HILARY.—Girls from Brill are hard to thrill, just give me a chance and I know I will!—PIP.

DEAREST.—Poles apart may be our fate but your Old China gives you his heart forever.

CAPT. NOAH CROW and Smartie Pants have fallen in love with the sweetest fanny of all.

SUE OF BRITANNIA AIR.—Sorry for making it public, but I love you with all my heart.

TO OUR VALENTINE H-D with lots of kisses and purrs from J-Wren and the Thirty-Two Paws Club.

LINDA.—Sweet sixteen forever.—Julian.

REITA, PRETTY FRINGE.—At last but a few days away from our Windsor love-nest. Yours, NGPS.

SUE.—Eleven years gone. Looking forward to the next eleven.—All my love, Nick.

SENTIMENTAL.—Herb and Dave wish lots, in fact mountains of love to Kate and Henri.

MAEVE of the friendly thighs.—Credo Ergo Sum.

COLLEEN TOOMEY.—Now! Do you go for this sort of thing. I hope.

SISTERS has she many,
Equals has she none.
She may be getting rounder,
But she's still the one.—BW.

BEVERLEY from Bendigo (We met a few weekendigo) I hope that you intendigo & give his new boyfriendigo.

LIZZIE.—My favourite broadcaster. All by love.—Peter.

VANESSA, my gorgeous editor! I remain your infatuated creditor.

TO A PETIT bicho. Much love. Hoping for a great future.—Abraços y beijos. Bug.

SEE! It's me, sunshine, my Valentine.—Luv, Me.

MANDY.—Despite no winners at Windsor I still love you. Shall we try a Spring Meeting.—K.

G.—I hope hare & tortoise was not a tease. "Gatsby" waits to sail. I love you. Et To? XXX.

STROBES.—Yow and I'm really rum; but taken straight and conjunctionless we could still be together if you agree.—N. (4.3.5.2).

THE LADY close to St. Peter has flown to Johns and Anita. NEWSFLASH: Superpoet collapses shouting "I love doodoos".

STEVE, I love you.—Tina.

SHARON. Thank you for loving me. I love you so much.—Brian.

TO ELLEN AND MARCEL—I think somebody loves you with TLC.—Snoopy.

MARY PEARCE.—You are wonderful. A very perfect wife. Fetch out the gin, turn down the light, and love me all your life.

IN THIS age of grand illusion you walked into my life, out of my dreams, and I'm trying hard to fit into your scheme of things. Keep on waggling Wigglesworth! See you very soon. Love El Graibo.

DAWN of my treasures:
extreme of my thought.
Twice ever, thrice needed:
whom I ever court
My third and fourth sing
In my soul's sacred shrine,
My whole the sweet sound
of my true Valentine.

DEE, why are you reading this, instead of making my breakfast? I don't mind, if we play hampsters.—Love Bracken.

MISS SCOTT, I'm having a duvet made up in finest Wilton and you can be a test bed for all I have to offer. Love, Robert Carryon.

TWIGS-DB.—I'd've done a poem
Given time to pen rhyme: but
Try as I do, its just no go:
I cry enough: I send my love.

JANE R.—The lady who caught the bachelor—Omnia vincit amor: et nos cedamus amori—Thank goodness! Alex. X X X

RABBIT, RABBIT, RABBIT has made me fall for a bunny. Will she react—hope so.—S.

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ELAINE. Dearest Muffin, here, this year, the first of many sweet Valentines to come. I love you always, Paul.

TODAY and always my love and admiration grow stronger. Thank you for everything but especially A.J.

TO MY darling life's partner, happy Valentine darling Twiz, love Dave, Garry, Sam, Tari, Mandy, Newton and Co.

JO. I will love you more today than I did yesterday but not as much as I shall tomorrow.

TO MY coy female of the species, Coypu: From your adoring Lesser-spotted Stuffed Albatross. Loveyalots!

JOSS. "I'm not in love . . . it's just a silly phase I'm going through." Luv Jackie.

TO MY little twinkle on this day set aside for twinkle to twinkle. Best wishes.

THERE'S a girl in Cazenove who thinks I'm rather sombre, when I try to please her she gives me the cold shoulder, will she now reconsider what always has been of offer.—Z.

VW. There's no nicer lady who deserves a field full of freezias. Get out of that.—C.

TO MY Dark Angel. "Turn out the light, I'm gonna love you tonight."—Love Mark.

DONALD. All my love to you and Parsley on Valentines Day.—Kxxx.

BABY darling. I love you more than words can say, but try much as: millions and forever.

JEAN. With lots of love today and always.—G.

FROM 127 to Frimley flows love for beautiful browneyes.—Nicest piece in this paper.

ELIZABETH.—Mae fy nghalon yn eiddo i ti.—Eryl.

POOH. I love you always.—Simon.

SWEETHEART: I do deplore to be no more at Udaipur with you I so adore. On this cold shore I love you ever more and more. Ain't that a bore? Kisses galore. your W • • • •.

MARJIE.—You won't always be 120 miles away. I love you and weekends.

B DARLING. you make me happy just to be alive and with you. All I want is to see you smile. I love you.—N.

JEAN: You know that nothing but golf could have kept me away today.—Love F • • •

J. You're still the best thing that ever happened to me; a year isn't forever but it's a good start. Yours only now more than ever.—J.

PIGEON LOVES LARK and looks forward to a new nest and nestlings.—Coo.

CONCH. nothing as innocuous as love has ever entered my mind; just yes—Deputy Dog.

COUNTY, milk-floats, grapes, charades, umbrella, dove, 5.00. Worcester.—Love you.—J.

PAMELA MARY. Do nothing until you imagine that I am more than a little in love with you.—John Robert loves you.

ANN, my lovely lady, love and miss you heaps and heaps. It really is special.—Love John.

MATTIE.—Quite simply—I love you—Kiss, Kiss Biggsie.

MY DEAREST, lovely, super-clever, highly-attractive, hockey-playing, dissertation-writing Mousie. I love you.—Monty.

ANG.—Who's my lovely porky piglet! All my love.

EVELYN.—Surprise, surprise. Who said romance was gone? Happy Valentine's Day.—Love Colin.

BRISTLES loves Orcadian Seal/and wants her to be his. Swim south soon, his love awaiting.

A TWIT, a moron, an idiot. In fact a complete spazmo: kisses, cuddles are the essence of life, and I love her?

DARYL.—Petal please flower for me. My love is growing still for you.—Panda P.

AMORPHOUS dizzy delights never die. L'amour comme toujours.—Jonathan.

30 YEARS of cherished joys, hazards too. All survived. You are still my Valentine.

MY DEAREST DARLING Batrag. We have loved and lost but my heart is yours forever.—L.

O. HEATHER. If you're my wife to be, all you have to say is yes to me. Love you to bits.—Laurence. XX.

SANS UNE PAW, le cour ne marche pas! L'un a gagné aux dépens de la CE. Quel désastre.

MIDNIGHT MARKER.—I'm happy with an A and an E, but you can test me any time.—Z.B.

SCHULZIPOO.—All love and many kisses in gratitude for five super years.—Nonky.

DARLING BEADY EYED Valentine with all my love, and fond kisses from Emme and Lucy.

JAN, you are the only true love of my life, so please be my Valentines. Mick.

WIMPEY VIKING, my darling, I will love you for ever. I live for Wednesdays, Jan.

M.R.G.—Nought to some in venio about direction. All of mine I give to you. FUNEX. Jill.

TO THE PAIN from the aspirin. Can we increase the dosage. I love you madly. J.

HILDE: Du bist mein klein kartoffel und ich liebe dich. Marry me or I'll shoot "king".

MY DARLING TESSA. Thank you for this year and the next. I love you. Peter.

CAMARO. My loves as always—J. on this our 24th Valentine's Day.

TO MY DARLING kitten, keep on purring. Love you always. Happy Valentines. I spy.

RUTH.—You would know in words what you have always known in thought: I love you. Tony.

POM, can't go on like this, please return post haste for life to be resumed.—T.

SHEILA DARLING you're my bunny Valentine.

BABY JO—I'll be around for the rest of your life. I love you.—007.

TO AC/DC, trick cyclist's son of Trinidad.—Love and fungus from mushy nurse of the year.

THE SCHEELITE QUEEN deserves more than a dozen red roses.—So here goes—I love you! XXXXX

FOR THEE I PINE for charms only thine, so be my Valentine.

ROSES ARE RED, violets blue, your name's Patsy Pop, and I love you! Anon.

DARLING SMITHY from Big B. Remember 1971 at cricket. One Cavalier won his day.

M.—So wherever I am, there's Pooh, there's always Pooh & me. "That's how it is" say Pooh! XXX.

MY LOVING MAUREEN. Thank you for all our wonderful years of marriage.—Chris.

SUSAN.—I love you.—Rev. Blue-Jeans.

PETAL loves Poppy Crimble crump plumbum trillions; and that's not just poppycock'

SPECTACLEL SUN BEAR loves Red Cross Rabbit and sends her this Valentine.

CHARMING, Lovable and is romantically evil—R for Rhythm—and for ever.

REMEMBERING the precious days of our September affair.—J.H. to D.G.

WENDY, of all my fiancées I think I adore you the most. Ever yours (probably)—Sprout.

ANNE DARLING, GIRL. I just had to let you know how I feel. Love you ever.—Trevor.

PAMELA DARLING. Let's do it standing up. Windsurf in Greece. Lots of sun. Love you.—Gavin.

W. THANK YOU for wonderful times. Past, present and to come. All my love for ever.—Han.

TO JANE. You have all my love forever. Our love will never wane. I love you.—Andrew.

WARMEST THOUGHTS for today. Play it again. The world loves a trier.

JACQUI. Wherever you go I'll always love you.—Peter XXXX.

MARK. I would say no to a midget but you I can't resist. Love you lots. Amanda. X

LADY BEAR: Lots of love, Daddy, TB III, SB, Dog, Fox, Hippo, Rabbit, Bull, Sad Lion, One-Parent.

THE BENJ for two months, then forever my Lady. I'm all excited.—Tommy.

VALENTINE Schmalentine, be gezunt! Happy Birthday, love from REB TSVI.

VICTORIA.—I love you when you play with me and go crazy when you let me lick your nose and adore you when you take me for walks.—Love Bentley. P.S. I think my master is quite keen on you too.

SUNSHINE.—I'm grateful . . . you came to me for more sunshine, I'll give it if I can. If not I'll make the snow less painful the winter rain just ordinary. Sunsh.

MEGGIE.—Not only my best friend but a wonderful lover and wife, we've only just begun. Rob.

GORGEOUS azure eyed lady, thanks for everything. B. Sotted.

NEW ZEALAND miss returning sleepily from Scotland makes a Yorkshireman very happy.

LUCINDA thank you for the past. With you the future looks like being fun. All my love Mark.

I'M DAFT and short, this is too, but think of the money Jane's saving for you.

MY DEAREST PUD. Love without his wings will always be yours. you are forever a part of me. As ever, your Chud.

SUHEIR.—Be my valentine, do. Ana Bahob Inte-Walla Inmek azizi.—Truly yours—Jeremy.

ROUFY it is not customary to express my love in public but here I am joining the elite proclaiming all my love to you my valentine . . . Fadhoul.

SWEET WILLIAMS, please, please be my legal valentine. I love you. Gupta's mummy.

PETER EVANS.—Will you be my Valentine?—Jane.

MY DEAREST MOIRA, I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentines Day. Pet. Love Andy.

WILL THE REAL Janet Dale please stand up. I love you. Unlorchid.

J.M.D.—It's now 126! Here's to it being as good as 18! Or: maybe better? E.

HOW CAN I SHOW YOU. I'm glad I got to know you. Pet Lamb x.

FREEBIE, all over the sky. Big D.

DARLING VALENTINE — "When love beckons to you follow him though his ways are hard and steep"—Your Eastern lover.

JOB TO JOBBY. Sit down in the saddle. Badger knows the Jack Russell won't need sapphire and diamond cat collar.

CARIAD, dearest and only love, do not go gentle into that good night. I need to know you are there with your three bees. The candle you made with love and laughter adoringly treasured Comma Laugharne.

RAPUNZEL.—Don't forget to let down your hair 29/8/81—can I do the coiffure? All my love. Squidger.

SOMETIMES YOU GIVE and I take and sometimes I give and you take. We are learning to share. —and I to love Peter.

JMGM—Time flies when you're enjoying yourself.—A secret admirer.

GEN GEN: If love were what the rose is, and I were like the leaf, our lives would grow together. In sad or singing weather . . .

FIRST IN MY LOVE only you T. X X X X X X. M.

FIVE HUNDRED'S love for twice that figure its utmost gives in depth and vigour.

QUIGGS, un ours de très petit cerveau t'aime beaucoup, même après 39 mois. Baggins.

WIF my darling, I love you even more, gargantuan much and will continue to do so until the final sunset.—Dobbin.

DARLING MARIE.—I miss the sunshine of your smile, and love to be together, you're the only one. True love., forever.

CASTLES in the air maybe, But love is deep so deep for thee. And will forever. B.

AT LAST together my joy knows no words. Happy Valentines Day.

LOVE IS NOT a coolly regal elephant, love is now as can remain eternal. So unio ever.

BOLD D.W.S. Love to a knobbly-kneed Racer from ex "Special" now Skol supporter.

C.A.R.H.—Love you "sometimes". Can't wait to have you home again! Love Miss "G".

MAXINE.—The "ups" are great, the "downs" are not. Let's have more "ups". I love you. Bernard.

AMY & JOHN—After 60 years of marriage still ranking as Romeo & Juliet. Love Janice.

CHIN CHIN CHIN you boring old NORMAL. You can drop me anytime—that is until I get to the end of the Earth.

M.J.P.—I've never been happier. Long live CLP fieldtrips! S.

KARIMA, Ich liebe dich.—Little cabbage. XXXXXXXX

THE ONLY MOUSE left on the farm, you're a bit special, so make another wish and I'll make it come true for you (Even baking cakes) Badger.

TO OUR DARLING LU with many many thanks and all our love for the rest of our lives. P.H. and Seymour.

LINZI. Thanks for brightening my life and giving me hope. Love, light and peace. Neil.

TO MY ANNE—so cool and suave, so cute and squidgy. I love you even more each day—Nigel.

FATE with jealous eyes does see two perfect lovers. You and Me.

SUE ELLEN lost independence to J.R. on Independence Day but gained happiness forever.

RAI—I am two fools I know, for loving and for saying so. Be my Valentine—A.

MAUREEN. How do I love thee, let me count the ways—I love thee to the depth and breadth and height—my soul can reach when feeling out of sight—for the ends of being and ideal grace. —Thanks for 25 years of your time. Ken.

JO-JO. There are joys two hearts, and only two can share . . . the joys that love and only love can give. Michael.

SUSAN.—I love you my darling. I've said it many times but it does not begin to express how much love I have for you. I want you more each day. I will love you forever. N.B.

VANESSA, you are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. I am working on mine.

GWENLLIAN: Rosa rubicundior lilio candidior omnibus formosior semper in te glorior. Perdix.

AT 17 we fell in love. We took the vows of man and wife, for life. It's too hot. Lynda.

FREDDIE would not have been what he is if it wasn't for Joey. Can you imagine!

TO LYN.—When dreams come true my love, it will be just like starting over.

SNOOGLE WIGGLE WOGLET.—Petey loves you now and always. Happy birthday xxx.

TO S, my favourite Tiglet and hump in the quilt, just to let you know I will always be with you. —Love C.

LOVELY LADY.—O mistress mine, you are divine. Please always be my Valentine.—Quantum Jumper.

I LOVE YOU STEPHANIE. What more can I say?—Nick.

MAGGIE.—The aspirations of your ever more ancient mariner continue with luv—M.

GAZELLE MEAT: More of the rosebuds and less of the hornet Juke.—Keith.

TX's are fun ! ? ? Ark's and Ooy's are good, too. But they're incomparable I realy LOVE You. I Love you, Kid.

YVONNE.—Another year on and the strength of my feelings remain the same. Love you—George.

MY DEAREST DEDALUS, October 3rd: a joyous celebration of a joyous love.—Phill 4, Your Lady.

WITH lots of luvs and half of my hugs, Daddy Bear to Saffron Bear.

WITH LOTS of luvs and the rest of my hugs.—Daddy Bear to Flora Bear.

J. SOON, my very very special Valentine, the love knot will be tied for ever. Very soon my darling.—V.

MEETING trouble in Copenhagen, enjoying trouble in Bath, looking for trouble in Australia, see you on the Indian-Pacific!

PETERPOOS, most wonderful man ever. May all your dreams come true. Love you forever.—L.

DARLING NYX, no Miss Santa or Halloween witch. Surely Diors today? Love forever Hercules.

ENID thank you for everything especially the last 17 weeks. All my love Mike.

EVELYNE.—De toutes ces femmes dont les noms entourent le tien, aucune n'a su se faire aimer comme je t'aime.—H.

EH BABY lots boogie so fance will always be a chine thing. From the Big Buddle.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE to one who has to put up with so much. Sue, I love you dearly.—Chris.

DEAR KERRY. Romeo and Juliet were play-acting compared to us, lots of love.—A Rock Star.

PHILATELIC CANARIES like cooking and sport but most of all they love and admire a very special philatelist.

NEVER a sweeter smile came out of Greenock, never a more precious love climbed the steps. I cherish you forever.

DIANA GREEN, you're very mean! Oh why can't I lay down (and Di)?

S.—You have captured my heart—and with it my love—forever.—J.

SOMEBUNNY—snail for trip down moon river loves you.

MY LITTLE DARLING.—You are there to be missed, when you are not there. Cos I luv you so.

JACKY thinks kids are horrid, and wants Monday nights free, but will passion so torrid wear down M.C P.—Yes Dear.

M. Take the approach road to LSB today, and find a message under the Yellow Bush, with 37 kisses, for my true love.

JANET. Foreigners, alcoholics and a bath equals a meeting of sheer happiness.

MERRIE ENGLAND, Scots war cry, chivalric order and strawberry leaves, forever.

MY Darling Grey Eyes, I will always remember that tomorrow is the First Day of Your Life.—Sweetie.

LOVE is like a flower, you have to let it grow.—Love Christine D.

DEAREST MOLE.—The Times asked me to write about you but Donne and Herrick have used my ideas. So all my love P.

JULIA.—Ich liebe dich, je t'aime, I love you. We won't be apart for long I hope: Us lumps gotta stick together!

CAROLYN.—You have your own special way of holding my hand, don't ever leave me, stay for always, love John.

PRINCESS.—Someone like you happens only one in a lifetime! I'm glad you happened in mine! I love you!—No 2/3.

MARION DARLING.—We have been too far apart for too long. Thoughts of you are my only true happiness.—Brian.

IN THE evening, in the autumn in the forest, when touch and taste and scent and sight and sound have played their part and blood pumped through the heart to the very limit, the final searing ecstacy achieved, is peace and calm and quiet and love.—Be my Valentine.

SUE.—I've taken the 2 year body building course, now send me the muscles! Happy Birthday.—Charles.

TO US she's known as lovely Dawn, but we are not sure why. 'Cos by the time that she gets up, the dawn has passed her by. —Anon.

ON VALENTINE DAY it is time to say love is for you from you know who.—Mike Sabah.

"JOEY" even on the busiest of days I think about you every other thought. Hoping your days are all happy and bright.

NOW the Blue Rinse has finished, with your heart let it be mine.

MINOUCHE my lady of delight be my Valentine tonight.—Papa.

GODS gift to S. Woodford woman continues to desire delicious floppy bits and love sweetie pie.

MARILYN.—You have been brave and beautiful; We are proud of you and I love you.—M.

VAL.—I'll shelve the book, decline the wine. I just want you for my Valentine! Pete.

CARLY.—Break out the Moët, a million now know your the rose loved by the thorn.—A.

EROS, EROS ho kai ommaton stazeis pothou eisagon glukeian psucha charin hous epistrateuse.—Carol.

TEDDY BEAR.—From lemonade and Yorkie bar to baked beans and caviar. Eternally. Tigris Richmondis.

TO MY WIFE.—Thank you for the first week Widdles. I look forward to the next 400.—Bibbles.

PATSIE.—You are always number one. All my love as ever.—Your Peter.

MRS PITT.—Will you be my Valentine. Pouch end needs you. Hugo agrees.

SUE.—I love you more and more and more and more and more each and every year.—Alan.

SUE.—The most beautiful gift we can give each other, is friendship.—Vernon.

AARDVARK.—Will you key me up and chase me in! Love your Bunty.

ALOUYSIUS SCHWARZKOPF would like dinner with his little Miss Lizzy-Poo tonight.

TO MY DARLING PATRICIA with all my love forever, your Stephen.

DICK.—Roses are red and violets are blue, toads are green and I love you. Toadlet.

RACHEL.—I love you "Escape Me? Never—Beloved!" Browning: Life in a love.

BUBBLES.—My soldering iron wont stand up without you. Love and Murraymints.—B. Nose.

HANKA.—My love and caring is forever, Richard. x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x

POOSI.—D soon to be Poosi B Bogsi thinks you're special and loves you more and more.

JEAN.—Though little bits may disappear I'll love you more from year to year. Love Paul.

TO MY LADY of the Greek beaches, with long hair and happy smile. Love from me.

TO CATHY.—To be or not to be, is all a matter of timing. From Sheikh Speare.

P.D.L.B.—It gets better every year! All my love, Trubs.

TO THE Loveliest of all Gophers, From Chief Gopher. Zillions of Warrens of love.

NOELLE ANNE.—I will always love you. Let us take our time. Love. —Auston. XXX.

DARLING MOUSE.—You are my life my everything, all my love Tigger.

DODO MUGGINS.—My love is like a white, white rose—Yorkist true and never wilting.

ELIZABETH.—From where the white swans were to where the gulls stir. Ever your Valentine.

GB.—How's the blue lagoon? Come back soon Tiger Trouble Elsker Dig Paa Gensyn Kisses.

MILEX: Fancy Armeria Maritima cross with Hordeum Secalinum. Surely a novel bloom. Clove.

TO MY PRETTY Precious Princess from Tom the Toad. To be or not to B. No?

RICHARD Loves Geraldine.

TO MY DARLING WIFE and Boon Scat. All my love now and always. Your adoring Scally Wag.

FOR ALL THOSE TIMES I've meant to say "I love you", but haven't—I love you, Warley.

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LINES

J.—Who loves your large whites. Rat, Corpse, Foul Infants & You? I do! Luv Tiny.

22 YEARS MARRIED and still sending Valentines. Wendy Smith must be Fantastic.

CRISTINE—All my love darling—also to Ursula, love from all the Boys in 5C—H.

I LOVE YOU BOOJOO Milly Molly Moo okapizy poo numunu forever. Your swee ffffriter inheritance Kibz.

GRENOUILLE CHERI, Je t'aime. Je suis toujours. Tom Freedom 43.

TO BARBARA, Je t'aime mais plus que ca je t'adore.

LOTODE.—Lil deer be my Valentine. I wus so ots 'n ots warwing. Kiss your nose. Trippy Bear.

MEINE DORTE, nud noch 71 tage dann Fangen wir an ein neues ziel zu erreichen. Ich liebe dich, dein David.

PRINT-OUT: Don't let current hassle upset you. I love you now and always will. Abacus.

CAROLYN DEAREST.—Beautiful Valentine, I love you more than I can say.

ALWAYS AND FOREVER, my precious Sue I will love you.

SANDY.—To love and be loved by you is the most beautiful thing in the world. Love M.

O BOY! There is a you-shaped vacuum in my heart! I crazily need you. I.L.Y V V M. M D.C-S.

PETIT POULET.—Your petit pamplemousse loves you more than the most and always will.

ISOBEL.—I'll be waiting at the altar in St Marks on April 11th Love you always, Peter.

A FROGGY can love a prairie orchid forever and a day if he is given the chance.

TO MY DARLING, BELOVED BELL. —I'll be with you always—Winston rules, down Shep!

HONEY POT.—Johnson would like to thank you for all the happy times.—Love John John.

PRINCESS BOOZEY.—I love you. Say why don't we get married? Your loving Solicitor.

TO THE ADELPHI'S white mouse.—You're smashing and I love you.

CHRISTINE.—Even on 1500 cals a day I've still got an appetite for you. I love you.

NECIOUS, I LOVE YOU.—Thanks for everything. Hurry up 11th. SOS 4/1-4. Love from Fat Bell.

PETERLEY IS THE PLACE
to be,
with thee,
not Greyshott.
All my love, my lovely.

AS TIMELESS AS THE golden sands of the desert is my love, I will always be near. The Red Shadow.

ADOUKI.—Not seen, perhaps, but still prayed for, loved and needed: and I like you rotund! —M.

THREE YEARS OF PASSION, a lifetime of memories. Never forget —P.

GARBANZITA MIA.—Let us make our dreams together. Marry me. Be my eternal Valentine.—Feo.

MERRY McMULLEN.—A special message of love from your re-lected admirer. With all my love. —Alistair.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES and future times, sweet Christine, is my all times Valentine.

FROM FELIX LION and from me with all our love: Be happy, we want you always.—Jodie T.

MARTHA.—On this special day as with every day my thoughts are of you. I love you.—John.

ALI.—You're the greatest. Just the way you are. Should I have told you this? Be my Valentine anyway.

BERYL, MY DARLING WIFE.—All my love this Valentine's Day and always.—Colin.

DARLING BERYL.—I love you more every hour and worship the day you became my Valentine. Fondest love.—Cyril.

SUPERSTAR.—Despite E P. Impersonations, Martha, and I love you more each day.—Starshine. X X.

COLLEEN.—On this and every other day I send my love. Thanks for very special times. With love from Paul.

MONICA RABBIT.—Me and Rabbit Two and Mini Rabbit all love you to pieces. Today and every other day as well. Kisses.

LADY HORRIBLE HORROCKS.—What do I have to do to make you love me? What do I have to do to make you care?

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DENISE, sorry about the meal, will make it up.—Love Bob.

MY MARIAN.—I love everything about you. the good bits and the (non-existent) bad bits!

TO HEDGEHOGS.—Love as always from Mixd.

LITTLE lady, I do not deserve you. Thank you. I will make a miracle. Love u always.—YLLH.

SHARON.—From her ever loving "Nogard."

VIK-CHIK. You are a flower of Scotland. The tropics are cooler without you.

CHARLIE BUBBLES loves Joony Moon (must we always share a bed with Brian). x x x

SUEDE trousers thanks T.C. for a Fantabulastic time. Long Live Salami Pizza!

JOHN, if I wish to wed thee, do I have to change my name to Geo? I love you, Alison.

SARAH, the secret's out. Now everyone knows I love you. (P.S. If Kate won't, will you?)

TO JILL, my love in Thames Ditton, is sweet and warm as a kitten! —The Yankee Plumber.

TO JUMTIE, who makes me most prob. the happiest person in the world. Love Humpty.

LET me book some space in your heart. I guarantee to pre-empt everyone.—The Car Dealer.

DOREEN. Neither fire nor disaster will dampen my love for you. Love you very much.—David.

WGPEBJA, heel-mbls/nee/rknipiw. bl.zhsdib/etu.t-ok/firn. Oliv

DOPEY.—Life isn't all roses but with you the thorns are bearable. With my love, Susix.

FOR GREEN MONSTER.—Love P.P.

CWISTOFER.—Sorry I made you cwy, lub you Jody Tuesday (ps Docs your parents get gwumpy when they loose at cards?)

FLOPPY slippers & bobbysocks—laws rules OK? Sucker surrenders —Zous preserve me!

JEANNIE.—Your bear loves you 'cos you are the bestest. Please marry him soon.

TAKE your ring & look within! Remember good St Valentine. D. & A. 30.x.1976.

BOBOLI Boboli Gardens. All my love. Bobs.—C.

LYNN.—When birds stop singing and flowers stop growing, my love will still be there.

FLIBBERTIGIBBET.—You I love, remember the M3 café? Yours forever—Bullorbullocks x x x

TO MY DARLING SALLY, for all the love & tenderness, all my love to you my Princess, John.

GNOME.—Large three bedroomed toadstool to be shared, just say yes. I love you, Biggs.

TO CHRISSIE.—For all the happiness you have given, a big smacky kiss from your hubby. Bob.

MIAOW.—Ah cat you are woman You are the first and last breath of love—a Lion.

LEGS, you're the star of a story I'll always tell. Gardez-moi votre coeur. Perry.

FURRY EARFLAPS, after yum yums there is you. Love Fatso, HRH & C.T.B.

SUSAN DAWN, if you think this is a surprise, wait for the evening Mike.

CHICKADEE still loves yer! Your Teddy Bear. D'yer love me? Ye'rd best!

SANDY LOUISE, so sad to part, but our love will endure until we're reunited, love, Mark.

P.I.A. Still as always your Plunket.

DEAREST SUSAN, I'll never lose you again. Love D.

PHILIPPA JANE—Je t'aime. Rafe.

LIZ.—Thank you for your love and for sharing your life with me. Peter.

C.—Wonderful you . . . so glad you're mine, my one and only Valentine! X X X

M of MM and of FM. I love you with head, heart, lips and hands. JFM.

SWISH.—To the nicest three-legs from any Isle. Wye do I adore you? Love, lazy of Kent.

MUCH LOVE, Smelly.

SQUIRREL.—Please continue to share my tree and lair. I have much love but little hair.

CUDDLY BEAR loves baby boots more than ever—Growl.

TO my one and only Blondie, Love you NAA. From your darling Banker.

CUPBOARDS have gone, kos is coming, its been a great year but when do the experiments start?

BUNNET LAND.—I will be missing you today darling, but loving you as strong and deep as ever. I love you Lesley. XXXXX.

ELAINE.—You are lovely, you fill my life with magic and all my dreams are beautiful. All my love, darling, Geoff.

WHEN the fish badgers you don't repine, you're always my bearish Valentine. Love from Rabbit.

TODAY'S the day GLIB's swaps his Quakers for a Busy Lizzy.

HICKA.—From Russia to Devizes with love, By train and bour, but now we have a Maxi. Jaysee.

DRAGON.—Don't ever turn off flame. Need your love always. Sad you are so far away today. Love you only. R. Y. S.

AND THANKS for a wonderful six months, life has taken on a whole new meaning. P.

L. S. R.—If the weakness of the moment could end with the moment. All my love, Bythyngalw

WOOD'N TOP.—Fire and water equals steam. Stick with me the best is yet to be.

DAWN.—I'm for ever yours, stay mine for ever too. Tony.

WHEN BUGLE CALLS from Epping will the distant princess come to Hoddesdon? Love CK/S.

CAROLE. The two divinist things this world has got, a lovely woman in a rural spot. Peter.

YOU ARE MY BATTERY, let me be your fuel and may we always run on the same safe wheels. Jinx.

PAM—have I told you lately that I love you? Bill.

SIXTIES, Seventies, Eighties, my love for you goes on for ever my darling Doris.

PALOVERS of the world unite you have nothing to lose but your wains. Pals, my love F.A.A.D.

TO SWEETEST ANNE, from your biggest fan, a valentine from this heart of mine. Richard

DD—WHAT'S IN A NAME, ARTEMIS? You're the lovely Bird. Burd? Byrd? Ah, my gracious lady, LT.x

LIGHTHOUSE—Bear is one today —I hope he reaches fifty. He will love you whatever —C.

WEE PEEM, though we're apart You'll always have the heart of your Big Peem. I love you

MOULS—I wear the blue socks today, nut snacks hears all, snuggle total love—Crocket.

AUDREY—I will be round tonight to take you out for an expensive meal.—Kisse Kissie.

NOURRO Germe de ble fleur d'hiver lumière de ma vie mon amour et ma femme ton S.

SHRIMP—Secure in the love and understanding we share, my delight and joy in you is complete. —Old Bloodshot Eyes.

DEAR VICTORIA, without your love and support I could not exist, you will always be my Valentine.—Albert Alias PB.

DUCHESS.—From dawn to dusk and night to day our love will shine to pave the way.—Golly.

ALTHOUGH we may be far apart you are for ever in my heart. All my love—Bumble.

MARY.—Affectionate, romantic, your joyous unqualified love is a great unending inspiration. Shine ever.—Rick.

CAROL STEVENS.—Love from all who love you for all you do. It grows, more and more year by year.—John, B.R.D.S.

FIVE FOOT TWO, eyes of brown, you never let me down. Forever yours.— Halibut.

MIN.—Let me byte thy floppies and pet your rom all day. Let's face it when I'm basic, I'm a front-end hardware guy.

THO' CAST IN FURTHEST . . . you feel you lack a fan, I worship you by telephone. I'm . . . I'm your man!

NEWSBOY beats a path to door, drops "top paper" on the floor. Lorraine at breakfast—time to kill, reads "love you forever". Yours always—Phil.

MY PUPPY of penguin pack balloons are our strength, passion. —Your little boy.

TIDDLES, my offensive pussy: love you. Maybe will show passions. —The Frenchman.

OK BABY OK! From eighteen ten till God knows when, I love you two, OK?

PLUCKED you from the "Magic Roundabout. Love you, Zeb, forevery spinning round, Sunny and you.

STEVIE BABY, thanks for a great year. I'll be back soon. Love you lots.—Stumpy Arms.

MARY.—Take strength from my love—let what will be, be.

ANGIE.—On F320 you, me, the rest of the world. Love you for always.—Ian.

A.V.S.B.A.—You have captured by simzon. Press my hot line—Soon.

YOU WONDERFUL old bundle.—I love you for ever. Keep your nags and grumps only for me.—H. B

TEEN.—Shall I compare you to a summer's day?—Hel.

CONNIE.—E pass a Notte, pass o juorn'e sera. Ma aro turmiento Mio nun vo passa.—Corsa.

MA JOIE, le printemps est tout stellata et lilas Ene: Mamz patisado. Je t'aime.

SARALE ani me'achol lach harbey osher, neshikot ve'ahava le you arba-esrey ve esrim ve'arba.—Robert.

MAGGIE.—Two minds with but a single thought; two hearts that beat like one.—Jimmy.

ANGELA.—You are my love, pure and simple, now and for ever.—Steve.

DANY.—9.5 equals 9½ but it's much more than just maths. Be my one & only Valentine.

WILLY, a large green woodpecker, sends vibrant greeting to pussy cat.

KATE, I have loved the last 563 days and look forward to thousands more.—Your loving matelot.

MR. LAZENBY. Your flying banana is very much loved by Mrs. Lazenby.

MY SWEET maid have rainbows, ice-creams and love today, as always.—Your Fireman XBX.

DEBORAH. — To Precociousness from Atrociousness, you're Golden-Delicious. kiss. kiss.—6.

CAROLYN.—My life was empty until we met, now we'll never be apart. I love you.—Simon X.

CAROL DARLING.—Your love makes our world, go round. All love—Mike, Toby, Anna and Kate.

HELLO PENGUIN.—Happy Valentine things. Four soon on the pebble pile. All my love.—J.P.

TO MY DARLING JANE from this 747 up above. Before the nation I proclaim my most sincere love.

THIS IS A PRIVATE intimate message to the raven-haired girl I love in site of everything. Hello Troutface.

MY DARLING Ermintrude, I love you. Spotty Dog.

VONE. Et moun amour done vous ay, and also Thine Owene. Night and day Incisto.

TWIGS.—Fingers on noses for a Numero Uno Ongoing, Valentine's situation. Lots of smackeroonies. —Smart Bottom.

MY LOVE, although we may be far apart, love will keep us together. Yours always. Carrie.

SO BERNI'S INN, and Amy's out; If that's entertainment then Tulsa is one hour nearer. Pinney.

LISA.—I love you more than Everton F.C.—J.

JENNIFER ANNE. I love you. Thank you for a wonderful year. All my love. Stewart.

BL MARINAS have no ice. I love you. Thanks for four glorious years. Ian XX.

DAVID JAYNE I am yours all the way to paros and very far beyond.

DEAR KATE, happy 18th and Valentines' Day. Enjoy this weekend. Love, Chris and James.

HELEN is a Valentine, who will always be mine, your degree will be fine, my chin is divine. Bill.

PAMELA, I want you to know my feelings are true, I really love you. M.

JACQUELINE is this you: "Devilish, sensuous, attractive, intelligent, warm, cuddly, girl, seeks understanding sensitive handsome boy with loads of energy to come very slowly close together with—no, penguins or millionaires with Kew waves—Box Y1212". Darling I'm not a penguin nor a millionaire, nor had a heart attack yet! So perhaps I am just a little bit too fast—all my love and a lot more.—David.

FOR MONYEAZO: Today, tomorrow, and always.

HAPPY VALENTINE DARLING.—This goes some small way to show you how much I now love and need you.—Sue x x x x.

WINTER IS A'GOING out colds and flu are going too, weedies are wonderful. I love my weedy.

MY SUE, it's not the amazing pills, it's just you. Love you to pieces. —Your Ian.

. . . TILL THE DESERT sands freeze over, and the camels come skating home. Yours ever, Tom.

SAUSAGE, Vielen dank für a wunderschones year. Molliissimo love and xxxs for ever angel.

RACHEL, M. There are times when I have to say I still love you. This is one of them.

HAPPY VALENTINES day darling marouiaki plenty love throu another valentine year.

GLENDA.—Gigi is no more, but ma Flocchi's boy's are back and —Elmer still loves you.

XXX VIRGINIA XXX. It took some time to realise I'll love you for ever.—Huw.

RUNNING WET CLOTHED—I love you. Chief Passing Cloud or simply "Tone".

JOAN, a beautiful lady whose indefeasibility has no boundaries. —Love from Noddy Boots.

ASSEN, I am relatively fond of you type-fing, pweeeze will you marry me darling.—Adrin.

DEAREST WENDY, You put the beat in my heart and a lump in my throat —Forever yours Martin

TO THE ONE and only Davina with all my love, Evil Spot Your Mania.

FAT CAT and Tim love Mrs Mole Fabric Conditioner, and want her as their Valentine.

FOR MORE than gold is in a ring and my love is not a little thing —An Antipodean Valentine.

I CAN SEE only a good future for us as my love for you is so strong.—Luv Bonzo to Gonzo.

GINNY DARLING, on today our third anniversary.— Love you so much—Dinner Tonight?

BEAR, Happy Valentine darling— All my love, Boy.

AL, the question is: who can save us from the foggy foggy dew now? Get reference.

TO DIANE B. from you know who How to show my love is true? Can't sing or act—never went to R.A.D.A. Should I try a little ardour?

FROM ROGATE to Linch is quite a long climb. Pure magic when I'm close to m Caroline. Peanut supplies must never decline! Please, and forever, be my Valentine!

CATHERINE. — Chichester, Chat wood, Tolworth and Deewhy venue everchanging—may it on forever!—David.

STEVE.—Wouldn't an engagement ring look lovely with a blue f fur coat! All my love, J.R.

FROM SHETLAND to Wales a awful long way. For Jan and Michelle on Valentine's Day. A serious thought to Michelle away. Ian sends you his love on Valentine's Day.

DEAR NEIL I love and miss you much. Be my Valentine always Corny but true, Alicia.

EMBRYONIC Romantic Extrovert say's believe me Sandra I love you darling so very much.

LYNDA PLATT. A very happy Valentines Day. Lots of love. Nigel

TACHYCARDIA, megalocardia, ventricular fibrillation: even Boom Tilty Boom! John.

FOOTSIE. Some get a kick from champagne but I get a kick of of you. Miss you. Wiggle.

WYMM ? Coy? ily my iwy kdw wybmy? Slurp slurp Rocno Sept 19 OK? Love Boo.

OU BEAUTIFUL DOLL. Reborn but not reformed? Why go back centuries. Your adoring B is here

THE CHILD Loves Walter Mitty ... kissing kissing. Want to try new trick on 27th?

OK RAB, the truth's out. Now the rat's gone away. Bear adores you for ever.

SCRAGGY. I have never been happy. All my love for ever Your FI.

AJM, Owls and Pussy Cats are always happier together. All my love. H.

BOO, I love you even more than passion fruit and melon yoghurt yum yum.—Bear.

LOVE AND KISSES till schmuckelle.—From your slight too large schmucker.

OINK! OINK! Pig loves you smiling eyes. Be my Valentine second year (second of many).

SAM, SARAH AND SUSIE miss you —I love you—always.

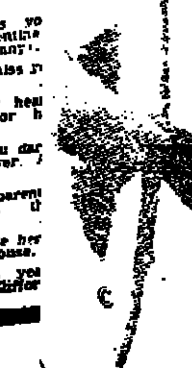
HONEY'S HONEY has my heart Only beacon charted for his faithful navigator's art.

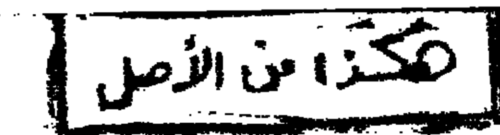
JOHNNYWONNY. I love you darling donks—I am yours forever. All my love—Hills.

C. I am still, "up and apparently unharmed" after all this time.—N.

N-S, I'm not a tourist. I live here. I love and need you.—Mouse.

THELMA: Last year, this year, forever your Valentine.—Carlos





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aw Report February 13 1981 — Queen's Bench Division

?ating resolution did not extend o amended hereditament

benhams Ltd v Ealing London rough Council

fore Mr Justice Glidewell

udgment delivered February 6]

Where the ratable occupation of emises already on the valuation t changes, section 6 of the Gen-al Rate Act, 1967, allows the ting authority to issue rate mands based on a proposal to iend the list which has not yet en entered or taken effect and ich supersedes a current mand based on the existing try, if the annual resolution set-g the general rate is framed dely enough to authorize the rat-g of the amended hereditaments ich may be the subject of a oposal.

Mr Justice Glidewell, sitting in e Divisional Court, so held in lowing an appeal, by case stated, Debenhams Ltd against the ue of a distress warrant for n-payment of rates on the com-ny's premises at Southall, Mid-dsex.

Section 6 provides: "... the ting authority may at any time ake such amendment in a te ... as appears to them neces-ry ... to make the rate conform ith the enactments relating ereto and in particular ay ... (c) make such additions r corrections in the rate as appear the authority to be necessary by ason of ... (ii) any change in e occupation of any heredita-ent. ... (2) Where the effect of e amendment would be ... (b) charge to the rate a heredita-ent not shown or not separately own, in the valuation list, the ting authority shall not make any mendment of the rate unless ither the amendment is necessary bring the rate into conformity ith the valuation list or a propo-al for a corresponding altera-ion ... has been made by the aluation officer. ..."

Mr M. B. Horton for Deben-ams; Mr G. W. Seward for the ouncil.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in June, 1978, Debenhams took over occupation of 12B Trident Way, Southall, adjoining their existing premises at 12A from a firm who continued to occupy number 11. Numbers 12B and 11 had been rated as one hereditament, so the valuation officer made proposals to alter the valuation list to take account of the change of occupation, putting 12A and 12B as one hereditament. Later Debenhams, who had objected to that proposal, put in a doorway joining the two premises, prompting the valuation officer to make a second proposal, which was also objected to. Neither of Debenhams' objections had yet been resolved by the valuation court.

For the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 the council, which was the rating authority, issued a demand for rates on number 12B based on the new proposed ratable value, in addition to a separate demand for rates on 12A based on the existing entry in the list. A series of demand notes for the rating years 1979-80 and 1980-81 were later issued by the council addressed to Debenhams at "12 Trident Way" but which were not expressed to relate to any defined hereditament.

Debenhams contended that until their objections to the valuation officer's proposals to amend the list had been resolved, they were only liable to pay rates based on the existing entry and not on the proposed entry.

It had been decided in Kettle v Newcastle-under-Lyme BC ((1979) 77 LGR 700) in respect of a previously unlisted hereditament that a rating authority could demand rates on the basis of a proposal by the valuation officer to bring such premises into the valuation list as a new hereditament even if the proposal had not yet been taken effect or been entered in the list. Section 2(4) of the General Rate Act provided that the general rate was to be made and levied in accordance with the valuation list for the time being in force, but section 6 permitted rates to be demanded on the basis of a proposed amendment, if, inter alia, the proposal resulted from a change in occupation of the hereditament. The council could thus properly demand rates based on a proposal even if the building was the subject of an existing entry in the valuation list either as a separate hereditament or as part of a larger one.

However, that was only proper if, in the absence of a specific resolution by the council authorizing its officers to apply section 6, the annual general resolution setting the rate for the relevant year was wide enough to comprehend not only the hereditaments shown in the list when the resolution was passed but also such altered or added ones as might be the subject of a proposal and fall within section 6. Whether a resolution did so was very much a matter of impression. Ealing Council's resolution was insufficient for that purpose. It was expressed only to apply to "each hereditament as shown in the valuation list". The council could not therefore demand rates based on the proposal in the present case and the distress warrant would be quashed.

It was thus not strictly necessary to decide whether the council was precluded otherwise from lawfully demanding rates on the basis of a proposal, in addition to demands made in the same rating year on the basis of an existing entry in the list. In his Lordship's view it was lawful to issue demands based on a proposed value after the issue of a demand based on the existing entry, but as a matter of practice it was desirable that a rating authority made it clear to ratepayers, who might otherwise be misled, what was properly being demanded and why.

In the present case the subsequent demands relating to number "12B Trident Way" did not comply with section 5(1) of the Act because that was not a description of the situation of the hereditament at 12 Trident Way. There was, on the other hand, no proposal in relation to, nor any entry in the valuation list relating solely to number 12B, and so the council were not entitled to recover any sums based on demand notes relating to a hereditament at 12B Trident Way.

The appeal was allowed.

Solicitors: Forsyte, Kerman; Mr Richard Polson.

In Regina v Hillingdon Homeless Families Panel, Ex parte Islam (February 10), Mr J. A. Kosky acted for the council.

HOME NEWS

Royal Mint bullion train raiders jailed

From Our Correspondent
Cardiff

Four men who attacked trains carrying new money from the Royal Mint in South Wales were jailed at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday.

George Robert Common, aged 37, the leader, who jumped on board and smashed his way into moving trains carrying up to £650,000 in newly minted coins was jailed for eight years. He admitted three charges of theft totalling £36,050 and one charge of attempted theft.

The court was told that Mr Common, of Ridgeway Crescent, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, had previous convictions for attacks on freight trains. At one time he had been a manager for the British Rail freight yard in north London.

Three other men who admitted their parts in the raids were also jailed. Bernard Kenneth Moxham, aged 51, a carpenter, of North Orbital Road, Denham, Buckinghamshire, was jailed for six years, his brother, Arthur Derek Moxham, aged 49, also a carpenter, of Cranborne Way, Hayes, London, was jailed for five years, and James Hallam Dowling, aged 47, a taxi driver of the Green, Feltham, London, received a four-year sentence.

The court was told that the gang watched containers, carrying up to £650,000 of coins, being placed on lorries at the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, Gwent.

The lorries were followed to the freightliner depot in Cardiff where a note was made of the position of each container as it was loaded on to the London train.

The gang chose the winter because it was possible to work in darkness.

Former Moonie tells libel jury sect is like a maggot and corrupt

The daughter of a wealthy landowner who gave his estate to the Unification Church (the Moonies), described the sect in the High Court yesterday as "a maggot" and "thoroughly corrupt".

Mrs Rosalind Mitchell told a jury in a libel trial: "There is an awful lot wrong. It is a thoroughly corrupt organization and I feel very sorry for the people in it, the mugs at the bottom, conned into joining".

Asked what she felt about Mr Dennis Orme, the United Kingdom director of the church, Mrs Mitchell said: "I find him to be a very hard man, not the sort of person I would look up to and respect. He is full of his own importance and sees himself as more important than the actual people in the church. It is take, take, take and nothing given.

"The only way I can describe the church is like a maggot. If you cannot get rid of the maggot the food keeps getting worse." She added that she had spoken to many heartbroken parents of Moonies. "It is a horrible thing," she said.

Mrs Mitchell's father, Mr Henry Masters, and her mother, brother and sister are all members of the Moonies. The family has handed over a Wiltshire estate, half the village of Stanton Fitzwarren, to the sect.

Giving defence evidence in Mr Orme's libel action against the Daily Mail, she told the court that she joined the Moonies after meeting a sect member in London in 1972. She invited her parents to a weekend course run by the church and a year later they joined.

Mrs Mitchell, of the Spread Eagle public house, Ware, Hertfordshire, said that when she had doubts about her Moonie membership she was warned of indemnities she would have to pay if she left.

She added: "Mr Orme gave me an example of a boy in a wheelchair who was able to walk when he joined the church. When he left he was crippled again."

Mr Orme is suing Associated Newspapers over a Daily Mail article in May, 1978, which alleged that the Unification Church brainwashed converts and broke up families. Libel is denied.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Blue front doors led tenant out of council house fraud

From Our Correspondent
Luton

Six weeks after Mr George Eveleigh moved into a new house in Maples Avenue, St Albans, with his wife and two children, he noticed that all his neighbours' front doors were blue.

He discovered that he was living in a council house, illegally rented to him by a man who then went to Australia.

Mr Laurence West-Knights for the prosecution, told St Albans Crown Court yesterday that the police later arrested a man called Philip Jarvis. They discovered that he had advertised the house on behalf of his brother. He had also advertised his own house in Comet Road, Hatfield, and his mother's council house in Harrow.

Mr West-Knights said all the houses were council-owned and it was illegal for them to be sublet.

Mr Jarvis, aged 45, who had changed his name from Michael Glossop, admitted obtaining £1,300 from the Eveleigh family by deception, two charges of making a false statement to obtain a passport, and one charge of giving false information to obtain a council mortgage.

He was ordered to do 200 hours' community service and to pay £100 costs.

Judge Michael Hickman told him: "For the last five years you have really been living a series of frauds of which these counts are almost only examples".

Mr West-Knights said that in 1979 the advertisements were placed in a magazine giving the defendant's telephone number. They were placed by his brother, Mr Stephen Glossop.

Woman's death preventable, coroner says

A woman aged 40 died in hospital after a newly-qualified doctor allowed her treatment by fluids to go on too long, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr Richard Whittington, the Birmingham coroner, described Mrs Heidrun Ashton's death after a heart attack as a preventable accident after junior doctors were "left to handle situations beyond their experience and knowledge".

Mrs Ashton, aged 40, was given fluid intravenously in the intensive care unit at the Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, after an overdose of aspirin on November 28.

The next day Mrs Ashton, of Sutton Coldfield, had a heart attack and died, the inquest was told.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Whitelaw call for shorter jail terms

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Courts should consider passing shorter prison sentences and use alternatives to custody for non-violent criminals, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, said yesterday.

That would help to reduce the prison population which has risen from 39,600 to 42,000. He hinted that he would have to seek action through Parliament if the rise continues.

Speaking to the Leicestershire and Rutland Magistrates' Association, he described it as "a most pressing and dangerous problem".

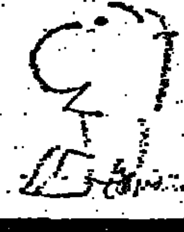
Mr Whitelaw explained how courts could reduce by 4,000 the adult male sentenced prison population. Excluding crimes of violence, all that magistrates had to do was to reduce the prison term they were considering to the next commonly used one for that particular offence.

He welcomed a joint initiative by the Central Council of Probation and Aftercare Committees and the Magistrates' Association to emphasize the opportunities open to courts for containing offenders in the community.

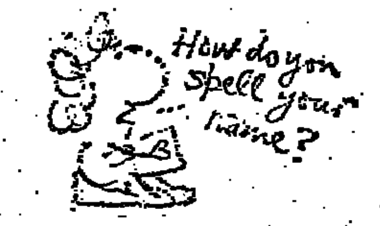
Research provided no evidence that longer prison sentences were any better than the shorter ones in preventing more offences being committed.

"And it suggests, too, that we are right to be sceptical of assertions that imprisonment is more effective than non-custodial disposals in preventing reoffending."

Mr Whitelaw added: "Of the many problems facing me as Home Secretary the most pressing and dangerous is the chronic crisis of overcrowding in our prisons which threatens to undermine our criminal justice system."



Valentine's Day Messages



"CAROLYN mon amour you are Easy to dream about but just About what I would not Dream of telling you. Much."

SEAN. You really look sexy in your kilt, with those hairy legs of yours. I love you. All.

TO HEEMA. All I want is just the way it used to be, with you here close to me. If we had love before, we can have it back once more. You're always in my heart all my love. C.G.

SHADDAP YOU FACE. I think of you every minute of the day when we are not together. But when we are together if music be the food of love play on. Your lover. D.

RUBY. 'Tis said that absence conquers love: but oh believe it not I I've tried, alas! its power to prove, but thou are not forgot.

TO J; love and kisses on Valentine's Day. (PS: Give Nigger a cuddle from me—a hyper romantic B :)

TO indisputably the most wonderful and beautiful girl in the world: All my love darling and much more. me.

LOUISE, Darling, you have made the past 225 days so very special to me. I shall love you for ever. Peter.

YOU are the Louise of my life. Light of my days, high and bright. Somewhere in the air, here and there, everywhere. Michel.

WILD, hairy, haggis, owner Valentines last year—so how could I declare my love? The Times now right. Bruce.

' JEWLIA '—I do not like, will never ever. So, let's go a—little tactile my sweet bump—us over loadus. Squire slug.

ELI.—Absence makes the heart grow fonder with lots of love and lots of hugs. Ernst and I—C.

LILIAN I'm only half a life without you, the most beautiful and caring woman in the world. I love you—John.

ONCE we dreamt that we were strangers. We wake up to find that we are dear to each other. I'll love you forever. Pinder.

PUDDING playfully pampers paintmans propella profusely what a wind up. He loves her too. Passionately xxxxxxxxxx.

YOU thought that I would forget, how could a love like ours be forgotten. To Dessie, love Harry. xxxxxxxxxx.

CLAIRISSIMA.—Your beauty, grace, charm and smile are better than "Oh Henry!" bars. Total adoration is my only offering.—Johnny.

D. K. KIPPER. This is much more expensive than an orchid. The best of my love. Tim.

DUCK wants Duck. Gib it is.

RATBAG, thankyou for loving, caring, sharing, etc., but most of all thankyou for you. Toad.

LOVE and kisses to Mary from your bit on the side at the top of the hill.

SJL—One heart—J.

MICE have found their mousehole, so they're ready for mouseing. But they'll be lonely with no bear.

TO the woman in the Moon from your very own Herbert. Herbert with love and kisses.

TO JANE—In Clacton by the sea. Thorgthu ne akaus inat thiar EG ciskathige alot alot—DB.

DIANE. Many thanks. It only used to race at nine—all in the final set. Duncan.

KATIE—All - my - love - and - kisses - for - now - and - always - from - the - lover - of - Janet - Reger - alias - Si.

ZIONA—I lost my heart in yours in 1968. Time now to have it back —in yours still.

I love you, what more can I say? Except come back when you're ready—Alan.

MISS PARSONS. Will you meet me at the Disco, forever. Chris

FELICE, if parting is such sweet sorrow, who stole the sugar?

WINE GUMS. I love you.—Sundance.

FLOWER: Think you're bloomin' great. Still crazy. Petal.

BROWN EYES, no need for 5 lines. 3 little words tell all—Knoggle.

TO MY MORINI and Ducati lover, thank you for the most fantastic holiday in the east, your loving Ratbag.

DEBBIE and two thirds. Need you more than want you, want you for all time. NPM.

FROM Geoff to little Sue, thank you for Miss Polly and I do love you.

LLLMB—Roses are red violets are blue bunnies are cuddly and so are you. Love Percy.

FRANUTCASE.—A hard exterior but once inside—whoopee! Love will find a way.—Alnut.

J.—Every bit of me, including the spare tyre, loves you more and more each day.—S.

PBK.—Though your characters are many, my true love is for the true you always.—Piggly B.

IS IT A BIRD? Is it a plane? No—it's Superpook!—Fluffs and cuddles from All.

LUCY DAVIES.—What are you letting yourself in for? This is what no Catch 22.—Love, Andy.

WIFEY.—Come live with me and be my love and we will all the pleasures prove. X.

MATTHEW.—With much love from your own little dolphin who can swim beautifully please.

HAPPY VALENTINE W. Hampstead/Beag, love and apologies for/Conoco Do. from Ricky Beag.

RED TRAFFIC LIGHT demolished by runaway vehicle. Repairs suspended for ever.—Love, I.

RONDELET F. (Monia in disguise). —Still love and miss you.—Marvel.

DEB.—I love thee by love's own sweet constraint, and will for ever.—Your rubber Giraffe.

JACQUI.—Herbie misses you and so do I. Will always love and so do I. Will always love you. Take care darling.—Love, David.

SANDRA.—Here's to the roses and flowers that bloom. Shine on forever.—Love, Simon.

LOUISE.—Indonesia may be far, but my love stretches further still. Miss you lots.—Stevo.

O TURTLE DOVE caught in the eternal moment, I love you.—Ratfeatures.

MARGARET, you fill my life with such pleasure. I love you deeply and forever: Stuart.

ALISON, will you be my Valentine? I love you fish face even with the pyjamas. Steve.

ALEX I love you madly. Bring my scarf to the Poly tonight.

M.T. How odd that to sweet pleasure gain we always start with dry sham pain. Love Phil.

A. TO C. Keep up the exercises. Superman loves Superperson.

CLAIRE: Eroto se, o philtat' hetaira—or, just for you. I love you. Don't marry me! Pig.

BUNGY beloves purring pussycat better and better, stroke, stroke.

VIX—you make my zone moan—Dad.

LIA TERSAYANE, nggak tahu nih yang musti bilang apa, pokoknya, saya sayang kamu.

A.S.F. Your best price is always above 1,000 camels. K.M.S.

" GENTLE maiden dreaming alone loves dawn's misty morning wakening." (Anon.)

PAUL.—At Thurstaston, I could have walked on with you to eternity. When you give me a real hug again I doubt I shall ever let you go.—XXXXXXXXX

FROM Florence to Redburn Street, to be loved by you, is a treat.

CAROL.—Tu es ma bien-aimée toujours separée. J'attend avec espoir caressé les repos espacés mais si doux.—N.

ALEXANDRIA.—Je t'aime de tout mon coeur.—Michael.

WOULD the owner of car HNN 187K stop watching Tiswas, read this—I love you.—PHD 3APS.

BENENDEN BEANPOLE.—I aim to climb right up you.—Jack the Scribbler.

S.T.'s got more rabbit than Maupassant, but she's twice as nice. Come home soon.

HELLO Tailor, your Pan-Galactic embraces zap me for thousands of light years.—Princess.

BOOFULS.—Our hearts forever true will float the galaxies together.—Bunny.

REG.—Love you now and for the next thirty years.—Mutti.

HAPPY Valentine's Day Bobo, all my love.—Petals.

MY Dearest Annette, my love for you will be forever, think of me and leave me never.—J.

CRAVING Heterosexual, seeks slim, attractive, female, to please continue discreet exploration of bi-girl relationship. — Please. Please.

JILLY. — Darling, the S.A.S. stormed the embassy on the day you stormed me, but I am still your adoring hostage. Love and cuddles.—Snorubiog.

OH JU, Oh Ju, I will give you a clue, the newsprint is pink, the eyesight untrue, so I bet you can't guess, who's fallen for you.

CARLA.—All my love, Leonard. Little Tubs Rules O.K.!

HEY, Hey, Chipbucket, I'm gonna marry you today. Hey, hey, chipbucket, even if Jasper's on the way!

B.F.W.—Can it be true? Check the D.T.—Love, Yvonne.

SCHWARZ AUF WEIS.—Ich + Lena lieben Dich, Mausel. Deep and forever. Happy Valentine.—Meikel.

EILEEN.—Namenlos bin ich zu dir entschlossen, von weit wer. Be my Valentine.—Gerry.

BMW.—Needs attention, higher purpose, heart exchange.—B.L.

B.B.P.—Just Bear and Company say F.U. too and remember what happened to Samson.—XXXXXX

GILL.—Come, Darling, let me lead you by the hand, just gently, so that you will understand; and think of ours who mourn, but dream of you, that they may live and love and do.—Dick.

GORGEOUS Helen, now is the time for fellow Librans to get together, happy day. X X.

TO a tender version of J.R. One of the fastest talkers east of Dallas and certainly the biggest hoot.—Much love. Paddington Gas.

JUDY.—Small is beautiful?—Antony.

WWG to read The Times in Bahrain is fun, to read it in SW3 is perfection.—Woodstock.

LOVE to Ann.—B. & D.

SALTAMONTE de turre. Cuidado esta noche! El forastero Anglo-Saxon.

GRUNKLE.—" And indeed, they were incredible. . . . " A treefrog adores you.

NO Herr Bunchy, you may be Charles and I, we still agree, dear ole scrumsh for we three.

PADDINGTON.—Au mind je t'aime toujours.

MA CHERE MARIE.—Thank you for everything you are to me.—Je t'adore.—Chris.

SALLIE.—You are my family, my home, my friends, my work, my fantasies. All else is mere distraction. Love, D.

ROB.—Our crew of two would win every race. P.A.L.

JE T'ADORE. Ken what I mean? Your squeezes are such bliss so will you be my Valentine and let us love and kiss.

CUDDLES.—Je t'aime, c'est vrai.

OH RUPERT! be my Valentine signed Moggsie.

SECOND BEST BEAR.—Happy Valentine's day and love from Best Bear. xx

R.M.B.—Thank you for your help in the little house, you're very patient, have a nice day.—Blob.

JUDI won't be rudi with baldi, how prudi happy Vali.—Judi.

IF PODSOLS had stayed in Northumbria there would be no problems.

DARLING join me in the well for mis days and ever.

DENISE I love you forever.—Stan.

I AM THE DEW on which silk insects feed. Mille basia. H.

S.K. 8 YEARS and 2 Chaps later I love you nevertheless! J.C.

TIGGER, Pooh, and Patrick, Burdie, Tickle and Lottie will love you forever.

TO V.—Abbeville, Funchal Treasure I adore you de plus en plus en plus. D.

JACKIE KING. — Be my Valentine Puffy face. Anon.

L.O.M.L. — Cling with me to that hope. L.O.U.

N.J.W.F. — "I fancy that". 10 years on I still do! All my love M.

YOU'RE THE WHOLE WORLD,
dear Bridget to me
My love is for all to see
And if people gape
'Cos we're the same shape
Remember this time next year
we'll be three.

POOSIE SOOSIE—You're so gorgeous, just like Puppy. Buff—Cottager.

WEWL! One of Furrybellies Lumpies finks as ansome an awiril, as it appens!!

LLB. — A short solicitor or a lovely day in Ballet. Happy Valentines Day!

ALEC—You are G.I.B. and also M.C.P. but all our love is free from Trigger and from me, Jacky.

KOALA BEAR! Look in the mirror —who do you see? Well that's who I love!! Hugs, your little Torment

IMPERATRIX Regina Amelia—Amor Gignit Amorem. Peter.

HOW CAN I number all the years since when you chanced to be mine. 'Tis nearly 40 summers past my one and only Valentine and Rico and Ange, and Caroline, perpetuate my Valentine.

VALENTINE ANNA
It ain't no riddle
there's fine fine music
from a second fiddle.

VALENTINE NODDY: We all love you very much—Mousie, Beany, Wumpy, Wevver, and Wild Rosie.

" H " ALL MY LOVE.—Piggo.

SWEET glamorous sexy Jenny no one turns me on like you. Dear little baby owl I love you.

TO TIM, " Life will always be melodious if you'll be my Cyril and Methodius."

" PAULINE—Golden delicious."—Love A.

GORDON B.—Sedbergh, you battered my heart at Epiphany.

SHE may already be courting for all you know: Well, if she doesn't love me I'll go into a monastery. They'll never be anyone else for me. Much love your prince.

FROGGIE, I love you—after 25 years even more so than ever before. The more I see you. Wuzzie.

TO ALISON on Canberra.

TO MY beloved a rose, is a rose, is a rose, I have no more, no more. All my love Nickolas.

AUDREY BEAR, I Love You. Ray.

SHERLOCK Sheep & Dr Piggle solve their cleverest case .Lesley is best-elementary.

BERTRY.—You're no S.D.L. You hold the F.D.K. to our hearts. Love from B, R and G.

B.M.W.—Let me service you. Love Cheyne. 01-788 4514.

TO ALISON on Canberra with all my love.

STICK.—From your personal column.—Surrey.

F.J.L. beards passe Trible Crowns too but never ever my love for you.

TO MY little Welsh leak. Happy Valentine.—From Gareth.

SDM will swop endless L driving for ditto L loving.—SOS.

HOLLY. Happy days always.—From your Valentine.

WIDGIE.—Have registered the Edict of Harrods as a C (iv) to guarantee merchantable quality for all time.

ALL my love to Mon Petit Lapin for Valentine's day.—From Paolo.

GOOSEBALL, the wine gums are now vintage. Glad you said yes. Be mine tomorrow at 5.

JOSE.—Sixteen years of great love, thanks darling, and many more to come. Arnold.

MR. CUPBOARD.—Very happy that fourth career was 5th; all our love today.—A. & E.

SARAH.—Dear, come back, come back, we love you good and true.—The Gang of Three.

SBW you are definitely MRTAPOS to me. Love you—O.G.C., Marmite, ribbons and all.

SUE Darling.—How could I hope to say it all in such a short space" . . . I love you.—Nick.

MAY our path be smooth and our love be strong. I'll hold you hard and hold you long.

AMANIA.—Your consort expresses his undying love for you as do the two fledgelings.—Peter.

WILL Your, chair-leg, come with me jogging. I kneel in hope far away.

JOHN REID.—We've cuddle your lion we've cuddled your cat, now its your turn for 19 back.

RICH.—At last somewhere to kiss you in public! X X X X X. Lots of love always.—B.

BEAUTIFUL Bun.—Lots of love from your Big Bear and Pom. Beatle, H.B.-and Poofy Bean.

DANIEL.—You came, my dear, to me the wind upon your cheek the daisy in your hand.—Mummy.

NICKLAUS Von Der Hoffmann.

CUDDLY BEAR.—I love you. No one may surpass your love perfection.—Little Hartz Bear.

R.M.S. QUEEN MARY.—It's been a great trip Gwen. I will love you always.—Ian.

DEAR Sausage, every day in every way. I love U a little bit more. Yours, forever.—Tatoe.

LOVE and best wishes always to my Chocolate Lady.—Huggy Bear.

KPP. ONE TO ONE ALWAYS. Bentleys.

ELIZABETH, J'ai trouve le secret de t'aimer toujours comme la premiere fois.—R.

TO MISS PIGGY. Darling, there will never be another like you in my life. Words alone cannot express my feelings for you! Yours Bumweed.

POOH.—There's no-one like you. To put up with the things I do and love me too. (Hope you know this is from me and not the Milkman). Poo. Just in case you didn't guess.

A Coventry metallic brunette, met a devotee of the minuet, she was a wonderful playmate, but despite his overweight, he'd love a truffle omelet.

BISH, magnums of chablis & you Taramasalata for two—Heaven! All my love Lu . . . cy.

CHERYL.—As the world revolves we shall be forever close and together.—Love Ted.

LONG Black Journey, fight for time, change the story, pour more wine.—Spock to Chop.

JOANNA START.—The fruitful grape? How long, how long, in infinite pursuit?—B.M.V. M.

PENNY.—Man cannot live by luncheon vouchers alone. Roots in the garden aren't enough either. I am mad about our friend in the pavilion. Please help me.

CIRCUS.—Disgrace of man, to disappear, the need of love and honour, a monasterial life.

MAUD BLENKINSOP.—I love you more than chicken kiev, bubbly, and the lady who sells liberty scarves in New Elvet. What more can I say?—Cyril.

[illegible]

TO my English Rose down under, romance still blooms for you.

BABE—Ooh you are big—Canary.

TO PAMELA. " She has my heart, she has my hand, my secret troth and honour's band! 'Till the mortal stroke shall ya me low, I'm thine, my Highland Lassie, O! " David.

ANDIROU Kangirou Elephanty from the zoo, forgive the Grots & promise to love you with no central heating.—Pie.

TO C.B.G.

MY favourite yellow & mauve.

SPOTTED Beau. (2 spaces). With love, V.

TO ANY LADY who thinks she deserves a Valentine from me. Here it is.—K.W.H.

TO BLUE EYES.—Happy Valentines Day, from your Wednesday girl.

DEIDRE.—I could be so good for you, your'll my number one, be my Valentine. Love Ken.

BIG BUNNY is bananas about little Bunny C. My love is ever yours. —B.B.

KAREN.—How about springtime in Bradford (two years late)? All my love.—Honey.

DIANA.—My little cuckoo, happy Valentine's, lots of love.—Peter.

J.G.—Volved with you I'd love to be all-in. If you be not mine, I shall be crestfallen.

N.—My Angel Valentine.—J.

SUE.—Be my Valentine, nurse me with your red hair, as I will love you always.—Chris.

HITCHING in the Universe, or travelling in the tube, my love June may be perverse, I still can't solve her cube.

C.D., the rest of the message is " Happy Valentine's Day " and add to the card " Forever ".—A.

PORTIA, Glad to be back. Now and always.—Brutus.

TONY HARRIS wishes to announce that he will not be sending Valentine cards this year. He has instead made a sizeable contribution to charity.

BEKY.—You're a beautiful actress, a pretty and charming girl. I'll love you always.—S.

TO MARVIN (Planet Brain) meet me at Midways—Love Denise.

[illegible]

POPPY, all the sights, all the smells, all the sounds, I love you forever you beautiful man. Mousie.

STEPHEN FISCHER, since your George is an Equity member you can raise my curtain anytime! I love you! Herbie.

SMELLY, love you so true and oh so lusty, but my God how ruddy costly! All my love Buggerlugs.

TO my lovely Eileen, I wanted to say I love you in fifteen foreign languages. But most of all (most difficult of all) in English with all my love. John.

EDWARD FUMBASE, friend and wifeling: I love you. Georgie, Raffles, Kenny also do. Contemplated watlats would do too. So let the rising sun shine on Nick.

TO the best snugglychunk in the whole wide world, From Cuddlehug.

TO my darling girlfriend S. SEALY-POO sends all love.

DIAMONDS are forever. Charles. Thank you. I also love you, for now and always. Barbara.

HUGGY ASSET.—May this day bring you many wishes but only this one of true love.—Monet.

DIDEE, I trust, you'll be warm tonight at least—lots of love. Nick.

PORKY AND MIDGET.—Love to my Valentine girls xxxx.—Love from Slim.

FROM B.B F A. Monster (Grrr!)

DEAREST PIGLETT.—From India's sunny climate to Garna's tropic shore from Alpha Kilo and Khalidia to no 10's front door I've loved you here, I've loved you there but I love you best beside me. I'll love you till my heart is still and turns to dust inside me.—Love from Porker.

KERMIE, KERMIE. Times may come, Times may go, but I'll love you forever. Twinks.

JOY of my life, Joy of my heart. Joy my darling, Joy my wife.

ICCEBER or vice versa urdifo. Return soon and hand forth your bounty.—Disconsolate.

". . . YE HAVE BEEN CALLED unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.—Galatians 5:13.

BIRTHS

BALME.—On February 13th, at Basingstoke Hospital, to Louise (nee Hinnell) and Robin—a son.
BODDAM-WHETHAM. — On 26th January, in Nairobi, to Carolyn (Cas) and Andrew—a son (Sam) a brother for Tudor and Luke.
BOWEN.—On February 11th to Joanna (nee Carew-Jones) and Jeremy—a daughter.
BUSKARD.—On January 31st, to Verity (nee Livingstone) and Noel—a son (James Livingstone).
CURTIS.—On February 10th, to Malla and Hugo—a daughter (Annabel Mary).
DEWAR.—On 13th February 1981, to Lavinia and Michael Dewar—a daughter (Katherine).
EDWARDS (COUSSEY).—On 7th February to Mary and Pat Edwards—a son (Christopher James), a brother for Harriet.
GOULD.—On 11th February, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Gill (nee Carswell) and Roger—a son (Edward Bicky), brother for Thomas Robert.
HARTLEY.—On 12th February, at Lisburn, Northern Ireland, to Susan (nee Whitton) and Robert—a son (William James).
LEACH.—To Rodney and Felicity on February 12th at Westminster Hospital—a daughter.
MACINNES.—On February 6th, on the Isle of Skye, to Duncan and Polly (nee Toulmin), a son, Hector.
MARR.—On February 3rd in Southport, to Caroline and John, a daughter, (Jessica Jane).
PAINE.—On January 21st, to Ruth (nee Bawtree) and Richard—a daughter (Alexandra Louise) a sister for Nicola and Katie.
REID-SCOTT.—On February 10th at the Westminster Hospital, S.W.1, to Verity and Malise—a daughter.
SITWELL.—On February 8th to Elizabeth (nee Mozley) and Nigel—a daughter.
SKINNER.—On 11th February, 1981, to Alison (nee Earley) and David—a daughter (Juliet) at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.
VAN DE WEYER.—On February 12th, 1981, at Newport, Gwent, to Margaret and Andrew—a daughter (Tamsin), a sister for Heuwen.

DEATHS

BENNET.—At the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh on February 12th, 1981, The Honourable George William Bennet, beloved husband of Constance Clare, 2nd son of the late George Montagu Bennet, Earl of Tankerville. Service in Polwarth Kirk, Greenlaw, at 12 noon on Monday, February 16th, 1981. Cremation thereafter at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh.
GAMLIN.—On 11th February, 1981, Sarah Biddy, aged 19 years, younger daughter of the late Basil Gamlin, L.L.B. and Mrs Lucie Keene, of Clifton, Bristol. Funeral service Canford Crematorium, Wednesday, 18th February at 3.20 p.m. Flowers to Thomas Pakeman & Son, Clifton, Bristol.
COLE.—On February 12th, peacefully, in a Sussex nursing home, Frank Edward, aged 80 years, formerly of Dulwich and Sutton. Funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex crematorium, Worth, nr Crawley, on Tuesday, February 17th, at 11 a.m. No flowers, by request.
FUTCHER.—On Feb 13th, peacefully at home, Francis Eric, of Cinderford, Glos., beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Geoffrey and Ursula. Funeral on Thursday, 19th Feb.
GORDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1981, at The Little House, Hurst, Berkshire, Wing Commander William Leslie (Bill) Gordon R.A.F. (retired), aged 81, dear husband of Mary. No flowers, enquiries to 01-731 2159.
HUGHES, Rice John Lloyd, 438 Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, on 14th April, 1980: Particulars to Ref: M. T. Donald Nelson & Co., Solicitors 124 Wigmore Street, London W1H 1E,D before 23rd April 1981.
LANE, WINIFRED EMILY.—On February 11th, 1981, peacefully at Manchester Royal Infirmary, of 3, Daylesford Road, Cheadle, Cheshire, Winifred Emily aged 85 years, very dear wife of Ronald Lane and dear mother of Peter and Margaret. Service at Cheadle Parish Church on Tuesday, February 17th, at 11.15 am prior to committal at Altrincham Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent to Friends of Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester. Enquiries to Alcock & Sons Ltd., Tel.: 061 428 2097.
LOCKETT.—On February 3rd, peacefully in London, Hilda L. de Loayza, in her 96th year, widow of Garsiang Bradstock Lockett, daughter of the late Don Juan de Loayza and the late Dona Maria Revoredo de Horcelles de Loayza of Lima, Peru. Much beloved mother and mother-in-law of John Bradstock and Hilda, Princess of Bavaria de Lockett and Maria Isabel (Anita) and Anthony Garton. Dearly loved grandmother of Christopher, Miguel, Alexander and Marie Isabel Lockett von Wittlesbach, and Juan and Annabell, Charles and Lucy, Maria Alexandra and Richard Garton and great grandmother of Angela and Anthony Garton. Requiem Mass at Farm Street Church, London, W.1. at 11.15 a.m., on Tuesday, 24th February followed by private interment. Flowers: Garstin, 51 Marylebone High Street, W.1.
MITCHISON.—Ralph Anthony Sturges at Barham House Nursing Home, Nr Canterbury on 12th February 1981, aged 97, beloved father of Nigel, father in law of Heather and grandfather of Paul, Jane and Guy. Funeral at Barham Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th February at 2.30 pm.
MOREING.—On February 11th, 1981, Dorothy Maud, dearly loved wife of the late Algy Moreing. Funeral service at St Mary the Virgin, Bures, on Tuesday, February 24th, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only.
SHAEN-CARTER, MARJORIE GEORGINA de FREYNE of Copse View, Spring Lane, New Milton. Much loved sister of Barbara and Geoffrey. Peacefully in hospital, 12th February. Funeral on Tuesday at noon at Evangelical Free Church, New Milton, Hampshire.

DEATHS

PAJGAR.—On 13th February, 1981, peacefully while in hospital, Dr Burjor Pajgar, of Tandridge Priory, Oxted. Funeral on Thursday, February 19th. Cortege will arrive at 97 Parchmore Road at 2.30 for approximately 15 minutes, with service at St Andrew's Church, Brook Road, Thornton Heath, at 3 p.m. and committal afterwards at The Croydon Cemetery, Mitcham Road. Flowers may be sent to 97 Parchmore Road: Thornton Heath or Rowland Bros 301-5 White Horse Road, West Croydon. Tel.: 01-684 1667 or 2324.
SMITH.—On 13th February, 1981, at Eastfield, Erskine Rd., Gullane, Sydney Smith, C.B.E., late chairman of East Midlands and Scottish Gas Boards. Beloved husband of Sheina Smith. Funeral private.
SONDHEIMER.—On 11th February, suddenly in California, Franz, husband of Betty, son of Max and Ida and brother of Ernst.
VEZEY.—On February 12th, 1981, suddenly at 1 Links Road, Budleigh Salterton, Monica Frances Latham, aged 78, beloved wife of Thomas Vezey. Funeral service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Tuesday, February 17th at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

IN MEMORIAM

CUIMHNICHIBH. MAC IAIN.—Agus 'na' daoine ene an am mortadh aig Gleann Comhan an 13 Gibleán 1692.
ELLIS, MAUD ALEXANDRINA.—February 14th 1961. Beloved Mother of Vivian and Hermoine. "Lucky you to be out of it. But never out of our thoughts."
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STEEL, GERARD. — 5.1.1900–14.2. Dearly loved and sorely missed.—Mary.

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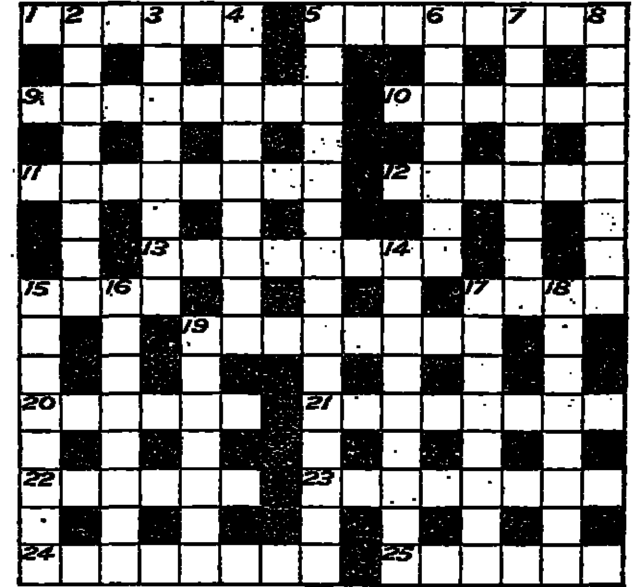
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In the early editions yesterday, the clue for 5 down should have read: Quizzes once showed adult learning in groups (10).



ACROSS
1 It recurs in special piece (6).
5 One mixing up tsarina endlessly (8).
9 Junior officer in main part of Beagle, say (4-4).
10 Middle-of-the-road vehicle (6).
11 Tongue-tied alarmist in the gym ? (4-4).
12 One telling Times to take heart (6).
13 Left edge of bull, for example ? Next best thing for novice (8).
15 Observe mole chasing his tail (4).
17 Flag for most of Johnson's fair people (4).
19 Went on with extra note after overture (8).
20 How is that a protest ? (6).
21 Militant Christian of Salvation Army in rougher surroundings (8).
22 Centre of painting restored for artist (6).
23 Somehow we intend to be embraced (8).
24 Six, perhaps, unlikely to succeed (4, 4).
25 None are left for slaves (6).

DOWN
2 American people—is our IQ different ? Nothing in it (8).
3 Small creature found under gooseberry, they say (4-4).
4 Such is the Race of Man (despite its arms ?) (3-6).
5 New subjects doubly unwelcome in this club of clubs ? (5, 3, 7).
6 Political leader's first performance if female (7).
7 Harder to handle—grand slam couldn't be (8).
8 MI5 has two sorts, CID only one (8).
14 Coward's brief fight (9).
15 As King Cole, I rebuilt palace, etc (8).
16 Defence HQ where sides obtusely meet (8).
17 Imagining concealed source of warmth for Cockney (8).
18 The inner arrangement that's natural (8).
19 Still wanting children, so to speak (7).

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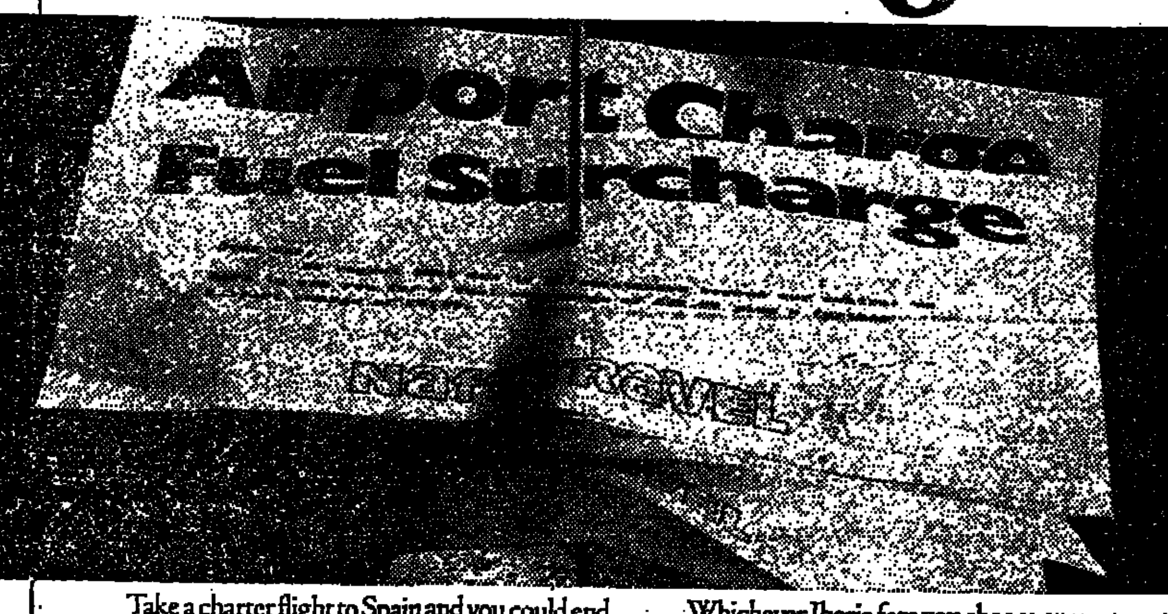
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